

as constituting an agreement between the two Governments, which shall take effect this day.

Accept, Sir, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

(Signed) C. A. BERENDSEN,

The Secretary of State, New Zealand Minister.
Department of State, Washington.

Department of State, Washington,

April 24, 1947.

SIR,—

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your note of to-day's date in which you refer to the Act of Congress approved September 25, 1941, which authorizes the President to extend by proclamation the time for compliance with the conditions and formalities prescribed by the copyright laws of the United States of America with respect to works first produced or published outside the United States of America and subject to copyright under the laws of the United States of America when the authors, copyright owners, or proprietors of such works are or may have been temporarily unable to comply with those conditions and formalities because of the disruption or suspension of the facilities essential to such compliance.

You state that by reason of conditions arising out of World War II authors, copyright owners, and proprietors who are citizens of New Zealand have lacked during several years of the time since the outbreak of war between New Zealand and Germany on September 3, 1939, the facilities essential to compliance with and to the fulfilment of the conditions and formalities established by laws of the United States of America relating to copyright.

You express the desire of the New Zealand Government that, in accordance with the procedure provided in the Act of September 25, 1941, the time for fulfilling the conditions and formalities of the copyright laws of the United States of America be extended for the benefit of citizens of New Zealand whose works are eligible to copyright in the United States of America. You add that with a view to assuring the Government of the United States of America reciprocal protection for authors, copyright owners, and proprietors of the United States of America, the Governor-General has made an Order in Council, the text of which accompanies your note under acknowledgment, which comes into effect to-day, on which date it is understood that the President of the United States of America shall proclaim, in accordance with the Act of September 25, 1941, that by reason of the disruption or suspension of facilities during several years of the time since September 3, 1939, citizens of New Zealand who are authors, copyright owners, or proprietors of works first produced or published outside the United States of America and subject to copyright, *ad interim* copyright, or renewal of copyright under the laws of the United States of America have been temporarily unable to comply with the conditions and formalities prescribed with respect to such works by the copyright laws of the United States of America.