

EXCHANGE OF NOTES BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENTS
OF NEW ZEALAND AND THE UNITED STATES
OF AMERICA CONSTITUTING AN AGREEMENT
RELATING TO COPYRIGHT

New Zealand Legation, Washington 8, D.C.,
April 24, 1947.

EXCELLENCY,—

The attention of the New Zealand Government has been invited to the Act of Congress of the United States of America approved September 25, 1941, which provides for extending, on a reciprocal basis, the time for the fulfilment of the conditions and formalities prescribed by the copyright laws of the United States in the case of authors, copyright owners, or proprietors of works first produced or published abroad who are or may have been temporarily unable to comply with those conditions and formalities because of the disruption or suspension of the facilities essential for their compliance.

My Government has requested me to inform you that, by reason of the conditions arising out of World War II, New Zealand authors, copyright owners, and proprietors 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 the laws of the United States relating to copyright.

It is the desire of the New Zealand Government that, in accordance with the procedure provided in the said Act of September 25, 1941, the time for fulfilling the conditions and formalities of the copyright laws of the United States be extended for the benefit of citizens of New Zealand whose works are eligible to copyright in the United States.

With a view to assuring the Government of the United States of America of reciprocal protection for authors, copyright owners, and proprietors of the United States, the Governor-General has made an Order in Council, the text of which is annexed hereto*, 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 said 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 and subject to copyright, *ad interim* copyright, or renewal of copyright under the laws of the United States, 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.

The New Zealand Government is prepared, if this proposal is acceptable to the Government of the United States of America, to regard the present note and Your Excellency's reply to the same effect

* See Annex A.