RELIEF ASSISTANCE

Agreement signed at Paris January 2, 1948, with annex
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AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES
OF AMERICA AND THE GOVERNMENT OF FRANCE

The Government of the United States of America and the Government
of the French Republic, considering the desire of the people of the United
States of America to provide immediate assistance to the people of France,
and considering that the enactment by the United States of America of the
Foreign Aid Act of 1947 ¹ (hereinafter referred to as the Act) provides the
basis of assistance by the United States of America to the people of France,
have agreed as follows:

ARTICLE I

1. The Government of the United States of America will, subject to
the provisions of the Act and of appropriation acts thereunder and of this
agreement, aid the people of France by making available such commodities
(including storage, transportation, and shipping services related thereto) or
by providing for the procurement thereof through credits under the control
of the Government of the United States of America, to the Government of
the French Republic or to any person, agency, or organization designated
to act on behalf of the Government of the French Republic, as may from
time to time be requested by the Government of the French Republic and
authorized by the Act and by the Government of the United States of
America. This agreement, however, implies no present or future obligation
upon the Government of the United States of America to give assistance
to the people of France, nor does it imply or guarantee the availability of
any specific commodities or categories of commodities, nor shall it imply
the payment by the Government of the United States of America for any
storage, transportation, handling or shipping services within France.

2. All commodities made available pursuant to this agreement will be
procured in the United States of America, unless permitted to be procured

¹ 61 Stat. 934.
elsewhere under the provisions of Section 4 of the Act and unless otherwise expressly agreed between the two governments. Petroleum and petroleum products will, to the maximum extent practicable, be procured from sources outside the United States of America and will be transported to France by the most economical route from the source of supply.

**Article II**

The Government of the French Republic, having been fully informed as to the provisions of the Act, hereby affirms that it accepts and will perform the undertakings specified in Section 5 of the Act, as well as those provided for in Section 7 of the Act insofar as action by it may be required for implementation of such latter section.

**Article III**

1. The Government of the United States of America, pursuant to the requirements of Section 6 of the Act, reserves the right at any time to terminate its aid provided for under Article I, Paragraph 1, of this agreement.

2. This agreement, together with the annex attached thereto, shall take effect on the date of its signature and shall apply to all commodities made available to the Government of the French Republic under the Act. It shall remain in effect until December 31, 1948, or such earlier date as may be agreed by the two governments.

In witness thereof, the undersigned, being duly authorized by their respective governments for that purpose, have affixed their respective signatures to this agreement.


For the Government of the United States of America  
JEFFERSON CAFFERY  [seal]

For the Government of the French Republic  
BI DAULT  [seal]  
MAYER  [seal]

**Annex**

**Section I**

1. In the case of any commodity made available pursuant to this agreement or in the case of credits established under the Act being debited pursuant thereto in respect of the furnishing of any such commodity, the Government of the French Republic will, forthwith upon notification by the Government of the United States of America, deposit in a special account in the Banque de France in the name of the Crédit National an amount in French currency equivalent to the dollar amount stated in the notification.
The amount so stated will be either the dollar cost in respect of such commodity (including storage, transportation, and shipping services related thereto) which is indicated as chargeable to appropriations under the Act, or the amount of the debit, as the case may be. The amount deposited in French currency will be computed at the rate of exchange in terms of United States dollars authorized under the Articles of Agreement of the International Monetary Fund, then applicable to imports of such commodity into France.

2. The funds in such special account, or prior advances in agreed amounts, will be used for administrative expenses of the Government of the United States of America, in French currency, incident to its operations within France under this agreement. The remainder of such funds may be used for the following additional purposes: (A) for effective retirement of the national debt of France or for irrevocable withdrawal of currency from circulation, and (B) for such other purposes, including measures to promote the stabilization of French currency, as may hereafter be mutually agreed by the two governments.

3. Any unencumbered balance remaining in such account on June 30, 1948, will be disposed of within France for such purposes as may hereafter be agreed between the two governments, it being understood that the agreement of the United States of America is subject to approval by act or joint resolution of the Congress.

4. The provisions of this section shall remain in effect until superseded by a further agreement between the two governments.

SECTION II

Any commodities made available under this agreement by the Government of the United States of America, unless substantially altered from the form in which furnished, and substantially identical commodities within France from whatever source procured, will not be removed or permitted to be removed from the territory of the Government of the French Republic, unless it is agreed between the two governments that such commodities are no longer needed in France or that the export of such commodities would yield a commensurate benefit, not inconsistent with purposes of the Act as set forth in Section 2 thereof, to the economy of France, or unless otherwise expressly agreed between the two governments.

SECTION III

The Government of the French Republic will furnish such statements and information relating to operations under this agreement as may from time to time be requested by the Government of the United States of America.

J.C.
G.B.
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