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# Exchange of Notes

between

the Government of the United Kingdom of  
Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the  
Government of the United States of America

regarding the exchange  
of official publications

Washington, 13th/30th July, 1951

*Presented by the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs to Parliament  
by Command of His Majesty  
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**EXCHANGE OF NOTES BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA REGARDING THE EXCHANGE OF OFFICIAL PUBLICATIONS**

*Washington, 13th/30th July, 1951*

No. 1

*The United States Secretary of State to His Majesty's  
Ambassador at Washington*

*Department of State,  
Washington, 13th July, 1951.*

Excellency:

I have the honor to refer to the conversations which have taken place between representatives of the Government of the United States of America and representatives of His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland in regard to the exchange of official publications, and to inform you that the Government of the United States of America agrees that there shall be an exchange of official publications between the two Governments in accordance with the following provisions:

1. Each of the two Governments shall furnish regularly a copy of each of its official publications which is indicated in a selected list prepared by the other Government and communicated through diplomatic channels subsequent to the conclusion of the present agreement. The list of publications selected by each Government may be revised from time to time and may be extended, without the necessity of subsequent negotiations, to include any other official publication of the other Government not specified in the list, or publications of new offices which the other Government may establish in the future.

2. The official exchange office for the transmission of publications of the Government of the United States of America shall be the Smithsonian Institution. The official exchange office for the transmission of publications of His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom shall be His Majesty's Stationery Office.

3. The publications shall be received on behalf of the United States of America by the Library of Congress and on behalf of the United Kingdom by the British Museum.

4. The present agreement does not obligate either of the two Governments to furnish blank forms, circulars which are not of a public character, or confidential publications.

5. Each of the two Governments shall bear all charges, including postal, rail and shipping costs, arising under the present agreement in connection with the transportation within its own country of the publications of both Governments and the shipment of its own publications to a port or other appropriate place reasonably convenient to the exchange office of the other Government.

6. The present agreement shall not be considered as a modification of any existing exchange agreement between a department or agency of one of the Governments and a department or agency of the other Government.

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Upon the receipt of a Note from you indicating that the foregoing provisions are acceptable to His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom, the Government of the United States of America will consider that this Note and your reply constitute an agreement between the two Governments on this subject, the agreement to enter into force on the date of your Note in reply.

Accept, &c.

DEAN ACHESON.

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No. 2

*His Majesty's Ambassador at Washington to the  
United States Secretary of State*

*British Embassy,*

*Washington, D.C., 30th July, 1951.*

Sir,

I have the honour to refer to the conversations which have taken place between representatives of His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the United States of America and to your Note of 13th July, 1951, in regard to the exchange of official publications and to inform you, on instructions from His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, that His Majesty's Government agrees to an exchange of official publications between the two Governments in accordance with the following provisions:

[As in sub-paragraphs 1-6 of No. 1]

His Majesty's Government likewise considers your Note under reference and the present Note in reply as constituting an Agreement between our two Governments in this matter, which shall enter into force on this day's date.

I avail, &c.

OLIVER FRANKS.

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