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Exchange of Notes

between the Government of the
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
and the Belgian Government

terminating the Agreement of 6th October, 1944
concerning Property in the United Kingdom
belonging to Persons resident in Belgium

London, 1st May, 1952

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UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN
IRELAND AND THE BELGIAN GOVERNMENT TERMINATING
THE AGREEMENT OF 6th OCTOBER, 1944, CONCERNING
PROPERTY IN THE UNITED KINGDOM BELONGING TO
PERSONS RESIDENT IN BELGIUM**

London, 1st May, 1952

No. 1

*The Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs to the
Belgian Ambassador at London*

Your Excellency,

Foreign Office, 1st May, 1952.

I have the honour to refer to the Agreement between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Belgian Government relating to Property in the United Kingdom belonging to Persons resident in Belgium, signed in London on 6th October, 1944⁽¹⁾.

I have the honour to propose that, since the purposes for which this Agreement was made have been so satisfactorily concluded, and the orderly return to its proper owners of property in the United Kingdom belonging to persons in Belgium has been almost completed, this Agreement should hereby be terminated.

Her Majesty's Government propose, on the termination of this Agreement, to issue an Enemy Territory Cessation Order for Belgium removing the operation of Regulation 6 of the Defence (Trading with the Enemy) Regulations whereby Belgium at present continues to be enemy territory for certain purposes of the Trading with the Enemy Act. All Belgian persons will then be free to deal with their property in the United Kingdom without further Trading with the Enemy restrictions and the Custodian of Enemy Property will release on application any money paid to him, or property held by him for the account of Belgian persons, except such property or money as came under Trading with the Enemy control for reasons other than the occupation of Belgium by the enemy, as for example ownership by belligerent enemy nationals.

If the arrangements proposed herein meet with the approval of the Belgian Government, I have the honour to propose that the present Note, together with your Excellency's reply in that sense, should constitute an Agreement between our two Governments formally terminating with effect from to-day's date the above-mentioned Agreement of 6th October, 1944.

I have, &c.

(For the Secretary of State),
N. J. A. CHEETHAM.

⁽¹⁾ "Treaty Series No. 3 (1945)," Cmd. 6665.

No. 2

*The Belgian Ambassador at London to the
Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs*

M. le Secrétaire d'Etat, *Londres, le 1^{er} mai 1952.*
J'ai l'honneur d'accuser la réception de la lettre que votre Excellence a bien voulu m'adresser aujourd'hui dans les termes suivants:

[As in No. 1]

J'ai l'honneur de faire savoir à votre Excellence que les arrangements proposés dans la dite lettre rencontrent l'approbation du Gouvernement belge et j'ai l'honneur de confirmer que la lettre de votre Excellence et la présente réponse constituent un accord entre les deux Gouvernements mettant fin à dater d'aujourd'hui à l'accord signé à Londres le 6 octobre 1944.

Je saisis, &c.

OBERT DE THIEUSIES.

(Translation of No. 2)

M. le Secrétaire d'Etat, *Belgian Embassy,
London, 1st May, 1952.*
I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of the Note which your Excellency has been good enough to address to me to-day in the following terms:—

[As in No. 1]

I have the honour to inform your Excellency that the arrangements proposed in the said Note meet with the approval of the Belgian Government and I have the honour to confirm that your Excellency's Note and the present reply constitute an agreement between the two Governments terminating as from to-day the Agreement signed at London on 6th October, 1944.

I avail, &c.

OBERT DE THIEUSIES.

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