EXCHANGE OF PUBLICATIONS

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The American Ambassador to the Minister of Foreign Affairs

No. 709 PARIS, *August 14, 1945*

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 the Provisional Government of the French Republic in regard to the exchange of official publications, and to inform Your Excellency 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 the official publications of its various departments, agencies, offices, divisions, and institutions, in accordance with a list which it shall communicate to the other Government through diplomatic channels, the two lists having been agreed upon after consultation between the two Governments. The list of 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 such Government not specified in the list, or publications of new offices which such Government may create in the future.

2. The official exchange office for the transmission of publications of the United States of America shall be the Smithsonian Institution. The official exchange office for the transmission of publications of the French Republic shall be the Direction des Bibliothèques de France, 53 rue Saint-Dominique, Paris.

3. The publications shall be received on behalf of the United States of America by the Library of Congress and on behalf of the French Republic by the Bibliothèque Nationale, 58 rue de Richelieu, Paris.

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 the postal, rail and shipping costs and other charges arising in its own country in connection with the sending of publications under the present agreement.

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.

Upon the receipt of a note from Your Excellency indicating that the foregoing provisions are acceptable to the Provisional Government of the French Republic, the Government of the United States of America will consider the agreement to be concluded and in effect beginning January 1st, 1946.

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

JEFFERSON CAFFERY

His Excellency
GEORGES BIDAULT,
Minister for Foreign Affairs,
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The Minister of Foreign Affairs to the American Ambassador

[TRANSLATION]

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PARIS, *August 14, 1945*

MR. AMBASSADOR:

I have the honor to refer to the conversations which were held on the subject of the exchange of official publications between the representatives of the Provisional Government of the French Republic, on the one hand, and the representatives of the Government of the United States of America, on the other hand, and to inform Your Excellency that the Provisional Government of the French Republic agrees to proceed to an exchange of official publications between the two Governments, in accordance with the following provisions:

1. Each of the two Governments shall furnish regularly one copy of all the publications of its various departments and of the agencies, offices and official institutes, according to a list which it will communicate to the other Government through the diplomatic channels, the two Governments having previously consulted each other and agreed upon the matter of the two lists. The list drawn up by each Government may be revised at any time and added to, without the necessity of entering into new negotiations, with a view to

including therein, any other official publications of the Government concerned which were not included in the list, or the publications of new agencies which the said Government may create in the future.

The official exchange agency for the transmittal of the publications of the French Republic shall be the *Direction des Bibliothèques de France* (Office of the Director of Libraries of France), 53, rue Saint-Dominique, Paris 7°.

2. The official exchange agency for the transmittal of the publications of the United States of America shall be the Smithsonian Institution.

3. The publications shall be received on behalf of the French Republic by the *Bibliothèque Nationale,* and by the Library of Congress on behalf of the United States of America.

4. The present Agreement shall not place either of the two Governments under the obligation of furnishing printed material or circulars which are not of a public character, or publications of a confidential nature.

5. Each of the two Governments shall defray the costs of transportation by mail, railroad and boat, and all other charges deriving, in its own territory, from the transmittal of publications by virtue of this Agreement.

6. This Agreement shall not be considered as modifying any agreement for exchange previously concluded between a department or other agency of one of the Governments and a department or agency of the other Government.

Upon receipt of a communication from Your Excellency indicating that the foregoing provisions can be accepted by the Government of the United States of North America, the Provisional Government of the French Republic will consider the Agreement concluded and in effect from January 1, 1946.

Please accept, Mr. Ambassador, the assurances of my very high consideration.

BIDAULT

His Excellency
JEFFERSON CAFFERY,
Ambassador of the United States.