

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
and
UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND
NORTHERN IRELAND

Exchange of Notes constituting an agreement regarding a joint Anglo-American Committee of Inquiry. Washington, 10 December 1945. Came into force on 10 December 1945, by signature

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ETATS-UNIS D'AMERIQUE
et
ROYAUME-UNI DE GRANDE-BRETAGNE ET
D'IRLANDE DU NORD

Echange de notes constituant un accord relatif à une Commission mixte d'enquête anglo-américaine. Washington, le 10 décembre 1945. Entré en vigueur le 10 décembre 1945, par signature

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No. 30. EXCHANGE OF NOTES CONSTITUTING AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND REGARDING A JOINT ANGLO-AMERICAN COMMITTEE OF INQUIRY. WASHINGTON, 10 DECEMBER 1945

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The Secretary of State to the British Ambassador

Department of State
Washington
December 10, 1945

Excellency:

I have the honor to inform Your Excellency, with reference to our conversations on the subject, that the Government of the United States agrees to constitute, in cooperation with the Government of the United Kingdom, a joint Anglo-American Committee of Inquiry with the following terms of reference.

1. To examine political, economic and social conditions in Palestine as they bear upon the problem of Jewish immigration and settlement therein and the well-being of the peoples now living therein;

2. To examine the position of the Jews in those countries in Europe where they have been the victims of Nazi and Fascist persecution, and the practical measures taken or contemplated to be taken in those countries to enable them to live free from discrimination and oppression and to make estimates of those who wish or will be impelled by their conditions to migrate to Palestine or other countries outside Europe;

3. To hear the views of competent witnesses and to consult representative Arabs and Jews on the problems of Palestine as such problems are affected by conditions subject to examination under paragraphs 1 and 2 above and by other relevant facts and circumstances, and to make recommendations to the Governments of the United States and of the United Kingdom for *ad interim* handling of these problems as well as for their permanent solution; and

4. To make such other recommendations to the Governments of the United States and of the United Kingdom as may be necessary to meet the immediate needs arising from conditions subject to examination under paragraph 2 above, by remedial action in the European countries in question or by the provision of facilities for emigration to and settlement in countries outside Europe.

The Committee should be composed of six nationals of the United States, appointed by the Government of the United States, and six nationals of the United Kingdom, and shall operate under a rotating chairmanship.

The Governments of the United States and of the United Kingdom shall urge on the Committee the need for the utmost expedition in dealing with the subjects committed to it for investigation and shall request that they may be furnished with its report within 120 days of the inception of the inquiry.

The procedure of the Committee shall be determined by the Committee itself and it will be open to it, if it thinks fit, to deal simultaneously through the medium of subcommittees, with any of the subjects entrusted to its consideration.

Each Government shall be responsible for compensating its own members of the Committee and other personnel selected by it and for paying such other expenses as are not susceptible of being jointly shared by the two Governments. All other expenses of the Committee shall be borne jointly by both Governments in equal proportions.

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

James F. BYRNES

His Excellency The Right Honorable
The Earl of Halifax, K.G.,
British Ambassador

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The British Ambassador to the Secretary of State

British Embassy
Washington 8, D. C.
December 10th, 1945

Dear Mr. Secretary,

I have the honour, under instructions from His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, to inform Your Excellency that His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom are in agreement with the terms of your note of the 10th December about the Joint Anglo-American Committee of Enquiry to report on the position of the Jews in certain countries of Europe and in Palestine.

I have the honour to be, with the highest consideration, Sir,

Your most obedient, humble servant,

HALIFAX

The Honourable James F. Byrnes
Secretary of State of the United States
Washington, D. C.
