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and
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Exchange of Notes concerning a gift of wool to Austria.
London, 31 May and 19 July 1948

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No. 328. EXCHANGE OF NOTES¹ BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENTS OF AUSTRALIA AND OF AUSTRIA CONCERNING A GIFT OF WOOL TO AUSTRIA. LONDON, 31 MAY AND 19 JULY 1948

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COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

Australia House,
Strand, London.

31st May, 1948

CEC.MS.
440/1/79

Dear Sir,

Further to our discussion on the matter of the proposed gift of wool by Australia to Austria, I wish to advise that the Government of Australia wishes to enter into agreement with the Government of Austria as to the procurement, storage, transportation and shipment of the wool, in the following terms:—

1. The Government of Australia will supply without charge to the Government of Austria, Australian wool to the value of £150,000 (Australian), the descriptions and qualities thereof to be agreed upon by the Governments of Australia and Austria, and also in relation thereto to pay the costs of procurement, storage, transportation and shipping to the port of entry into Austria.

2. The Government of Austria will nominate as its agent an Australian wool buying broker, such nomination to be subject to the approval of the Government of Australia. Such broker will be authorised to arrange in consultation with and with the approval of the Government of Australia for the procurement, storage, transportation and shipment of such wool.

3. The Government of Austria, through its agent authorised as above, will, from time to time, submit in advance to the Government of Australia a

¹ Came into force on 19 July 1948, by the exchange of the said notes.

statement of the descriptions and qualities of wool required which will be subject to screening and approval by the Government of Australia. Procurement will be authorised for the quantities, types and qualities of wool so approved.

4. The Government of Australia will retain ownership of such wool up to the time of its arrival in the port of entry into Austria.

5. The raw wool provided by the Government of Australia and articles processed therefrom will be distributed without any discrimination based on race, language, sex or religious or political beliefs.

6. Such wool will not be used for the maintenance of armed forces or any other military or similar purpose.

7. The Government of Austria will take appropriate steps to make known to the people of Austria the origin of the wool and the purposes for which it is being provided by the Government of Australia.

I should be pleased if you would advise me at your earliest convenience whether an agreement in these terms is acceptable to your Government.

If the terms are acceptable, it will be necessary for your Government to nominate an Australian wool buying broker as its agent and this nomination will be submitted to the Government of Australia for approval in accordance with paragraph 2 of the proposed terms.

Yours faithfully,

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19th July, 1948

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Dear Sir,

In reply to your letter of 31st May CEC/MS 440/1/79 and with reference to the conversations between Mr. Todd and Dr. Gohn I beg to inform you that the Austrian Government accepts with many thanks the most generous gift from the Government of Australia of Australian wool to the value of £150,000 (Australian) on the terms suggested in your letter of 31st May.

The suggestion to use the services of Mr. Lindsay H. Bell as wool buying broker is being accepted.

I shall send you in the course of the next few days a statement containing description and qualities of wool required by my Government for your approval.

Yours faithfully,

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