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I

27th August 1953

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Your Excellency,

I have the honour to inform Your Excellency that the Government of the Union of South Africa undertake to accord to the Italian Government, as regards the care and maintenance of graves of soldiers formerly members of the Italian Armed Forces, both metropolitan and colonial, fallen or buried in the Union of South Africa or in the territory of South West Africa a treatment analogous to and not less favourable than that accorded by the Italian Government for the care and maintenance of the Commonwealth graves in Italy under the provisions of the Agreement signed on the twenty-seventh day of August, 1953, between the Governments of the United Kingdom, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, India and Pakistan on the one hand, and the Italian Government on the other hand, having regard to the number of graves concerned. Accordingly, the Government of the Union of South Africa will arrange with the Italian Government, through the diplomatic channel, for appropriate facilities to be granted in the Union of South Africa or in the territory of South West Africa and will also take the necessary steps to ensure that the competent Italian authorities are given all possible assistance in tracing such graves.

2. If the proposals outlined above meet with the approval of the Italian Government, I have the honour to suggest that the present note, and Your Excellency's reply in that sense, shall be regarded as constituting an agreement between the two Governments in this matter.

(Signed) W. H. E. POOLE

H.E. the Honourable G. Pella
Minister of Foreign Affairs
Palazzo Chigi
Rome

¹ Came into force on 20 May 1955, one month after its publication in the Italian *Official Gazette*,

II

[ITALIAN TEXT — TEXTE ITALIEN]

Roma, 27 agosto 1953

Signor Ministro,

In data odierna la S. V. mi ha inviato la seguente lettera :

[*See English text, note I — Voir note I, texte anglais*]

Ho l'onore di comunicare alla S. V. che il Governo Italiano è d'accordo su quanto precede.

La prego di accogliere, Signor Ministro, i sensi della mia alta considerazione.

A S.E. il Maggior Generale W. H. Evered Poole
Inviato Straordinario e Ministro Plenipotenziario
dell'Unione del Sud Africa
Roma

[TRANSLATION — TRADUCTION]

Rome, 27 August 1953

Your Excellency,

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of today's date reading as follows :

[*See note I*]

I have the honour to inform you that the Italian Government agrees to the foregoing proposals.

I have the honour to be, etc.

H.E. Major-General W. H. Evered Poole
Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary
of the Union of South Africa
Rome
