

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
and  
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY**

**Exchange of notes constituting an arrangement replacing the Arrangement of 24 December 1927 and 14 February 1928 between the Governments of these two countries, relating to the exchange of information for the control of illicit traffic in narcotic drugs. Washington, 17 January and 24 August 1955 and 7 March 1956**

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**ÉTATS-UNIS D'AMÉRIQUE  
et  
RÉPUBLIQUE FÉDÉRALE D'ALLEMAGNE**

**Échange de notes constituant un accord remplaçant l'Accord des 24 décembre 1927 et 14 février 1928 entre les deux Gouvernements, relatif à l'échange de renseignements en vue du contrôle du trafic illicite des stupéfiants. Washington, 17 janvier et 24 août 1955 et 7 mars 1956**

*Texte officiel anglais.*

*Enregistré par les États-Unis d'Amérique le 10 juillet 1957.*

No. 3926. EXCHANGE OF NOTES CONSTITUTING AN ARRANGEMENT<sup>1</sup> BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY REPLACING THE ARRANGEMENT OF 24 DECEMBER 1927 AND 14 FEBRUARY 1928<sup>2</sup> BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENTS OF THESE TWO COUNTRIES, RELATING TO THE EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION FOR THE CONTROL OF ILLICIT TRAFFIC IN NARCOTIC DRUGS. WASHINGTON, 17 JANUARY AND 24 AUGUST 1955 AND 7 MARCH 1956

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I

*The Diplomatic Mission of the Federal Republic of Germany to the Department of State*

DIPLOMATIC MISSION OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

The Diplomatic Mission of the Federal Republic of Germany presents its compliments to the Department of State and has the honor to draw its attention to the following :

The Government of the Federal Republic is desirous to resume the direct exchange of information between the authorities in charge of the control of illicit traffic in narcotic drugs. It, therefore, suggests to abrogate and replace the "Agreement Regarding the Direct Exchange of Information Between the Services in Charge of Control of the Traffic in Narcotic Drugs", concluded between the German Reich and the United States of America by exchange of notes on December 24, 1927, and February 14, 1928,<sup>2</sup> which was suspended due to war events, by a new arrangement of the following contents :

(1) A direct exchange of information and evidence with reference to persons engaged in the illicit traffic in narcotic drugs shall take place between the United States Treasury Department and the Bundeskriminalamt in Germany. This exchange would include such information as criminal records, photographs, fingerprints, description of wanted persons and of the methods which they have been found to use as well as the places from which they have operated, the partners they have worked with, etc.

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<sup>1</sup> Came into force on 7 March 1956 by the exchange of the said notes.

<sup>2</sup> League of Nations, *Treaty Series*, Vol. LXXIX, p. 235.

(2) The immediate and direct forwarding of information by letter or cable between the United States Treasury Department and the Federal Republic of Germany as to the suspected transport of the narcotic drugs or the travel of persons involved in smuggling drugs, whenever such transport or travel may concern the other country.

(3) A cooperation between the Bundeskriminalamt and the United States Treasury Department according to the legal provisions of their countries ; this also refers to the nationals of the own country.

(4) Reciprocal renunciation of refunding of costs which may arise out of the cooperation between the United States Treasury Department and the Bundeskriminalamt.

This arrangement shall also be applicable to the *Land* Berlin unless the Government of the Federal Republic will make a contrary declaration to the Government of the United States of America within three months after the agreement came into force.

The Officers of the Bundeskriminalamt who on behalf of the German Federal Government are in charge of the cooperation with the United States Treasury Department, are :

- 1) Regierungs-und Kriminaldirektor Kopf  
and
- 2) Oberregierungs-und Kriminalrat Scheuermann as his deputy.

The addresses are :

*Postal address* : Bundeskriminalamt, Tränkweg, Wiesbaden

*Telegram address* : Interpol, Wiesbaden.

In order to facilitate the procedure the Federal Government proposes that this note, together with the reply of the United States Government, be regarded as the agreement of the two Governments concerning the effectiveness of the above mentioned arrangement.

Washington, the 17th of January 1955

## II

### *The Department of State to the Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany*

The Department of State refers to the note of the Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany dated January 17, 1955 proposing the direct exchange of information relating to the illicit traffic in narcotic drugs.

It is the understanding of the Government of the United States of America that the last clause in numbered paragraph (3) of the above-mentioned note is

intended to provide that the United States Department of the Treasury and the Bundeskriminalamt will each co-operate in investigating nationals of either country.

It is further understood that the paragraph of the note which relates to *Land* Berlin shall be construed as providing for the transmission and receipt of information respecting *Land* Berlin between the United States Department of the Treasury and the Bundeskriminalamt of the Federal Republic of Germany rather than any government agency in *Land* Berlin.

The Government of the United States of America agrees to the new arrangement as proposed in the above-mentioned note of January 17, 1955 and as interpreted in the foregoing paragraphs and further agrees that such arrangement shall replace the arrangement regarding the direct exchange of information between the services in charge of control of the traffic in narcotic drugs, which was concluded by exchange of notes at Berlin on December 24, 1927 and February 14, 1928.

The Officers of the United States Department of the Treasury who, on behalf of the Government of the United States, are in charge of co-operation with the Bundeskriminalamt in this matter are :

Harry J. Anslinger,  
Commissioner of Narcotics,  
Department of the Treasury,  
Washington, D. C.

and

George W. Cunningham,  
Deputy Commissioner of Narcotics,  
Department of the Treasury,  
Washington, D. C.

Since the United States Bureau of Narcotics now has an office in Rome, the exchange as a matter of routine may be conducted through its district supervisor in Rome : Mr. Charles Siragusa, c/o American Embassy, Rome, Italy.

It is proposed that, upon the receipt of a note from the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany confirming the understandings of the Government of the United States as set forth in the second and third paragraphs of this note, such note, together with the present note and the note of January 17, 1955, shall be regarded as constituting the arrangement between our two Governments with respect to this matter.

Department of State

Washington, August 24 1955

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## III

*The Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany to the Department of State*EMBASSY OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

The Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany refers to its note of January 17, 1955 and the note from the Department of State dated August 24, 1955 concerning the exchange of information relating to the illicit traffic in narcotic drugs.

The Government of the Federal Republic of Germany confirms the understandings of the Government of the United States as set forth in the second and third paragraphs of the note of August 24, 1955.

It is understood that the present note together with the note of January 17, 1955 and the note of the Department of State of August 24, 1955 shall be regarded as constituting the arrangement between our two Governments with respect to this matter.

It may be added that the Senate of Berlin and the Allied Commandantur have declared their consent to the extension of the arrangement to the *Land* Berlin.

Washington, D. C., March 7, 1956

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