

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN
AND NORTHERN IRELAND
and
AUSTRIA**

Memorandum (with annexed declarations of the Austrian Government of 21 September and 29 November 1949 and 31 July 1951) relating to the transfer of property, rights and interests. Dated at Vienna, on 10 May 1955

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**ÉTATS-UNIS D'AMÉRIQUE,
ROYAUME-UNI DE GRANDE-BRETAGNE
ET D'IRLANDE DU NORD
et
AUTRICHE**

Mémorandum (avec, en annexe, les déclarations du Gouvernement autrichien en date des 21 septembre et 29 novembre 1949 et 31 juillet 1951) relatif au transfert des biens, droits et intérêts. Daté de Vienne, le 10 mai 1955

Textes officiels anglais et allemand.

Enregistré par les États-Unis d'Amérique le 26 juillet 1957.

[TRANSLATION¹ — TRADUCTION²]

No. 3948. MEMORANDUM³ CONCERNING THE RESULTS OF THE DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN MEMBERS OF THE AUSTRIAN FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AND THE AMBASSADORS OF HER BRITANNIC MAJESTY AND OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. DATED AT VIENNA, ON 10 MAY 1955

On the occasion of the Conference of Ambassadors in Vienna, with a view to the earliest possible conclusion of the Austrian State Treaty,⁴ discussions took place between Her Britannic Majesty's Ambassador Sir Geoffrey Arnold Wallinger, K.C.M.G., and the Ambassador of the United States of America, Mr. Llewellyn E. Thompson, of the one part, and the members of the Austrian Federal Government Federal Chancellor Ing. Julius Raab, Vice-Chancellor Dr. Adolf Schaefer, Federal Minister for Foreign Affairs Dr. (h.c.) Leopold Figl and State Secretary for Foreign Affairs Dr. Bruno Kreisky, of the other part, with the following result :

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1) The two Ambassadors gave an assurance to the above-mentioned members of the Austrian Federal Government that the United Kingdom and the United States of America will transfer to Austria the property, rights and interests which are the subject of paragraph 11 of Article 35⁵ of the draft State Treaty in its present version.

2) The two Ambassadors referred to the fact that the former German assets situated in the U.S. and British Zones were handed over to Austrian administrative control as long ago as 1946. Their Governments, in conformity with their intention declared in 1949 to hand over to Austria the former German assets in Western Austria upon the entry into force of the Austrian State Treaty, have taken measures outside Austria for the recognition of Austria's future title to those assets.

¹ Translation by the Government of the United States of America.

² Traduction du Gouvernement des États-Unis d'Amérique.

³ Came into force on 10 May 1955 by initialling thereof.

⁴ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, Vol. 217, p. 223 ; Vol. 221, p. 439 ; Vol. 226, p. 382 ; Vol. 259, and Vol. 263, p. 424.

⁵ Redrafted as paragraph 11 of article 22 of the signed original. (This information, as well as the information provided in footnotes 1 on p. 124 ; 1 on p. 128 ; 2, 3 and 4 on p. 130 ; 1 on p. 132 ; 1 and 2 on p. 135 ; and 3 on p. 137, is provided by the Department of State of the United States of America (*Treaties and Other International Acts Series 3560*)).

3) These former German assets will be transferred to Austria by virtue of the Austrian State Treaty with the aim of strengthening the Austrian economy and in order to compensate Austria to a certain extent for its waiver of existing claims against Germany resulting from the period of occupation of Austria by Germany.

4) This transfer will, furthermore, be made without payment or other consideration given to the United Kingdom and the United States of America by Austria.

5) The Ambassador of the United States of America stated his understanding that his Government did not intend to remove the buildings erected in Austria by the United States of America for occupation purposes, and that his Government would be prepared to consider promptly and sympathetically any proposals by the Austrian Federal Government for the acquisition by Austria of these properties, fixtures and installations on advantageous terms.

6) Her Britannic Majesty's Ambassador confirmed that all married families' quarters constructed at United Kingdom expense will be handed over to the Austrian authorities in a manner advantageous to Austria. Furthermore, his Government would be prepared to consider sympathetically a similar disposition of the equipment and fixtures belonging to the occupation forces of the United Kingdom in Austria.

7) The two Ambassadors further declared that with a view to expediting final agreement on the text of the Austrian State Treaty, they would support the Austrian Government in its efforts to obtain possible changes in the State Treaty favorable to Austria.

8) Her Britannic Majesty's Ambassador further agreed that he would, so far as he was able, support the deletion from the State Treaty of Annexes VIII and X¹ upon request of the Austrian Government.

It was stated that Austria would give effect to the provisions of these Annexes in regard to the few cases which are involved by the conclusion of bilateral arrangements in so far as this was still necessary.

II

In view of the declarations of the Ambassadors of Her Britannic Majesty and of the United States of America set out in I, above, the above-mentioned Members of the Austrian Federal Government declared that they will ensure that as soon as possible after the entry into force of the State Treaty, but at the

¹ Annexes VIII and X were deleted from the signed original.

latest within 21 months from that date, unless otherwise stipulated below, the following decisions and measures will be effected :

1. In view of the indirect 100 percent ownership rights which the firms Anglo-Saxon Petroleum Co. Ltd. and Socony Vacuum Oil Co. held before the entry into force of the State Treaty in the Lobau refinery and the Zistersdorf-Lobau pipeline, these assets will be transferred either to these firms directly or to their subsidiary company Oesterreichische Mineraloelwerke. If the Austrian Federal Government is prevented from doing this, it will give adequate satisfaction to the above-mentioned firms as set forth in the Declaration of November 29, 1949.¹

2. The firms Anglo-Saxon Petroleum Co. Ltd. and Standard Oil Co. (N.J.) will, in view of their indirect 50 percent (25 percent each) participating interests in the Korneuburg refinery which they held prior to the entry into force of the State Treaty, receive adequate satisfaction as set forth in the Declaration of November 29, 1949.

3. The firms Anglo-Saxon Petroleum Co. Ltd. and Standard Oil Co. (N.J.) will, in view of their 50 percent (25 percent each) indirect participating interests in the distribution installations of the Deutsche Gasolin A. G. and Gasolin Ges. m. b. H. situated in Eastern Austria, receive compensation in the form of a transfer to them of the 50 percent German interests in the distribution installations in Western Austria of the Deutsche Gasolin A. G. and its subsidiary company Gasolin Ges. m. b. H.

4. In view of a possible American 25 percent indirect participating interest in the Hotel Nordbahn-Gesellschaft and of a possible 5.06 percent British indirect participating interest in the Osram Ges. m. b. H., shareholding rights of the same intrinsic value in other firms engaged in similar commercial activities in Austria will be transferred. If the Austrian Federal Government is not in a position to do this, the share-owners will receive adequate compensation therefor.

5. The Atzgersdorf factory of the Austrian Unilever A. G., which is British-Dutch property, will be handed over to the Austrian Unilever A. G. as soon as possible.

6. The firms Rohölgewinnungs-Aktiengesellschaft (RAG), Van Sickle and possibly Austrogasco and Steinberg-Naphta have lost exploration rights (Freischürfrechte) for bitumen as a result of German legislation or as a result of alleged cancellation pursuant to restitution laws. By reason of this fact and to give effect to the Declarations of November 29, 1949, Z1. 89.095—Pol/49¹ and of July 31, 1951, Z1. 137.556—Pol/51,² and the accompanying note thereto, the Austrian Federal Government declares itself ready, in so far as this has not al-

¹ See p. 135 of this volume.

² See p. 137 of this volume.

ready been done, to enter into negotiations with these firms or their British, Canadian or American share-owners, who on March 12, 1938 held exploration rights which they lost as a result of German legislation or through cancellation pursuant to Austrian restitution laws, in order to reach a settlement satisfactory to the parties concerned.

In so doing, the Austrian Federal Government does not intend to transfer to the ownership of the above-mentioned firms assets in the areas shown in Lists 1 and 2 of Article 35¹ of the draft State Treaty in the version existing at the beginning of the Conference of Ambassadors, except in restitution cases falling under Austrian restitution legislation. In the case of RAG, however, the Austrian Federal Government intends to fulfill this declaration first of all by endeavoring to conclude operating agreements with this firm satisfactory to both parties for the purpose of developing the oil resources in Austria.

7. A. The Ambassadors of Her Britannic Majesty and of the United States of America have declared as follows :

a) At the time of the promulgation of the Nationalization Law of July 26, 1946 (BGB1. No. 168), the Anglo-Saxon Petroleum Co. Ltd. and the Socony Vacuum Oil Co. Inc., which are of British and United States nationality respectively, were the direct or indirect owners of the shares of the Shell Floridsdorfer Mineraloelfabrik and of Vacuum Oil Co. respectively. All investments in these Austrian companies since the coming into force of the Nationalization Law have been made exclusively by the parent companies or by the Austrian companies out of their own resources.

b) At the time of the promulgation of the Nationalization Law of July 26, 1946 (BGB1. No. 168), the Anglo-Saxon Petroleum Co. Ltd. and the Socony Vacuum Oil Co. Inc., which are of British and United States nationality respectively, were the direct or indirect owners of the shareholding rights in the Oesterreichische Mineraloelwerke Ges. m. b. H. (Oe. M. W.).

c) At the time of the promulgation of the Nationalization Law of July 26, 1946 the Socony Vacuum Oil Co. Inc. and the Anglo-Saxon Petroleum Co. Ltd., which are of United States and British nationality respectively, were the direct owners of the shares of the Rohoel-Gewinnungs A. G. (RAG).

At the same time the Standard Oil Co. (N. J.), which is of United States nationality, was the direct owner of shareholding rights in Austrogasco.

At that time Richard Keith van Sickle, a Canadian citizen, was the direct owner of the firm Tiefbohrunternehmen R. K. van Sickle.

¹ Redrafted as Lists 1 and 2 of Article 22 of the signed original.

All investments in RAG and Tiefbohrunternehmen R. K. van Sickle since the coming into force of the Nationalization Law have been made exclusively by their parent companies (in the case of the Tiefbohrunternehmen R. K. van Sickle by Mr. Richard Keith van Sickle) or by themselves out of their own resources.

B. On the assumption that the facts set out under A., above, are correct, the above-named members of the Austrian Federal Government declare that they will ensure that the following measures are taken by the Austrian Federal Government :

- ad a) The share interests in the Austrian companies named under Item a) will be transferred to the ownership of the Anglo-Saxon Petroleum Co. Ltd. and of the Socony Vacuum Oil Co. respectively.
- ad b) After the retention of shareholding rights corresponding in value to the investments made in the Oe. M. W. by parties other than the companies named under Item b), the remaining shareholding rights in the Oe. M. W. will be transferred to the Anglo-Saxon Petroleum Co. Ltd. and the Socony Vacuum Oil Co. respectively ; the proportion of the shareholding rights to be returned is to be agreed upon with these companies.
- ad c) The share interests and shareholding rights in the Austrian companies referred to in Item c) will be transferred to the parent companies therein referred to and, in the case of the Tiefbohrunternehmen R. K. van Sickle, to Mr. Richard Keith van Sickle.

ad a)—c) :

It is understood that the re-establishment of ownership rights provided for in this Paragraph does not include the claims to rights in the areas formerly covered by exploration rights (*Freischürfrechte*) of the above-named companies and enterprises since the claims connected therewith are governed by the provisions of Paragraph 6.

8. The Declaration of the Austrian Federal Government of September 21, 1949¹ is affirmed. For the sake of clarity the Austrian Federal Government declares that the measures for the elimination of German property, rights and interests in the Western Zones of Austria and in the First District of Vienna shall not impair lawfully acquired property, rights and interests situated in these areas which are directly or indirectly owned by nationals of the United Nations as defined in Article 42, paragraph 8² of the draft State Treaty, nor such property rights and interests which are to be restored in accordance with Articles 42³ and 44⁴ of the draft State Treaty or under existing Austrian legislation.

¹ See p. 135 of this volume.

² Redrafted as paragraph 8 of Article 25 of the signed original.

³ Redrafted as Article 25 of the signed original.

⁴ Redrafted as Article 26 of the signed original.

In all cases, however, in which direct or indirect property rights or interests in any part of the territory of Austria of nationals of the United Nations (Article 42, paragraph 8 of the draft State Treaty) are affected by the draft State Treaty, in particular by Article 35,¹ the Austrian Federal Government moreover declares that it is ready to enter into negotiations with the member states of the United Nations concerned for the purpose of concluding mutually satisfactory agreements concerning recognition of and satisfaction for such property rights and interests.

This declaration does not apply to nationals of a country within the territory of which Austrian property is subject to measures of confiscation.

9. None of the above declarations should in the Austrian view be interpreted in such a way that any compensation whatsoever, whether in cash or by way of payment in kind or in goods, is to be granted for any loss of production or profit during the period from the beginning of the occupation of Austria by Germany up to three months after the assumption of effective control by Austria and in any case not earlier than three months after the end of the occupation, nor for any damages or losses which occurred during this period. Amounts which were paid after March 12, 1938 to the share-owners in the above-mentioned companies or to the owners of these enterprises for the transfer of their participating interests, or for the assets and rights of the enterprises are to be debited. On the other hand, the investments made after nationalization went into effect by the original share-owners in nationalized companies or by the owners of such enterprises notwithstanding their nationalization will be credited in determining the value of their participating interests or assets, respectively. Increases in the value of the assets effected after March 12, 1938 out of the resources of parties other than the original share-owners are not to be credited in determining the value of the participating interests, but are to be redeemed by the respective claimants in a manner still to be agreed upon.

DONE in three copies in the German language. For the purpose of authenticating the foregoing this Memorandum shall be initialed.²

Vienna, May 10, 1955

¹ Redrafted as Article 22 of the signed original.

² See p. 133.

DECLARATIONS BY THE AUSTRIAN FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

The Austrian Federal Minister for Foreign Affairs to the American Minister

[GERMAN TEXT — TEXTE ALLEMAND]

[TRANSLATION¹ — TRADUCTION²]DER BUNDESMINISTER FÜR DIE AUSWÄRTI-
GEN ANGELEGENHEITENTHE FEDERAL MINISTER FOR FOREIGN
AFFAIRS

Z1.87.281-Pol/49

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1 Beilage

1 Enclosure³

Wien, den 21 September 1949

Vienna, September 21, 1949

Herr Gesandter !

Mr. Minister :

Im Sinne einer anlässlich der letzten Londoner Beratungen über den inzwischen fallen gelassenen Artikel 41 des Entwurfes eines Staatsvertrages mit Österreich mit den Stellvertretern der westlichen Aussenminister getroffenen Vereinbarung beehre ich mich, Ihnen anverwahrt eine Erklärung über die Grundsätze zukommen zu lassen, von denen sich die Bundesregierung bei der Behandlung des ihr überlassenen deutschen Eigentums leiten lassen wird.

In accordance with an agreement reached among the Deputies of the Western Foreign Ministers with respect to the recent London conversations over Article 41 of the draft of a State Treaty with Austria which has in the meantime been eliminated, I have the honor to make available to you herewith attached a declaration³ concerning the principles by which the Federal Government will be guided in the treatment of the German property transferred to it.

Indem ich Sie, Herr Gesandter, bitte, diese Erklärung an Ihre Regierung weiterzuleiten, benütze ich gerne die Gelegenheit, Ihnen den Ausdruck meiner vorzüglichsten Hochachtung zu erneuern.

I accordingly request you, Mr. Minister, to transmit this declaration to your Government, and at the same time avail myself with pleasure of the opportunity to renew to you the assurances of my highest regard.

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Herrn John G. Erhardt
ausserordentlicher Gesandter
und bevollmächtigter Minister
der Vereinigten Staaten
von Amerika
Wien

Mr. John G. Erhardt
Envoy Extraordinary
and Minister Plenipotentiary
of the United States
of America
Vienna

¹ Translation by the Government of the United States of America.

² Traduction du Gouvernement des États-Unis d'Amérique.

³ See p. 135 of this volume.

[Austrian declaration of September 21, 1949]

Upon the understanding that the terms of Article 35¹ of the Treaty with Austria will provide for the transfer to Austria of German property, rights and interests in Austria, the Austrian Government would propose to enact certain legislation for the purpose of eliminating German ownership in such property, rights and interests.

To this end it will be guided by the following principles :

1. Such measures shall not affect adversely any property, rights or interests due to be restored under Article 42² of the Treaty.
2. It is not the intention of the Austrian Government to eliminate German ownership rights in small business-enterprises, small farms, dwelling-houses, household-furniture and other objects of personal use.
3. In giving effect to this legislation the Austrian Government will make appropriate exemptions in the case of the property of genuine religious organisations and of that of persons who suffered grave injury through Nazi persecution.
4. Such eliminations shall not affect property, rights or interest which have come into being in Austria since May 8, 1945, as a result of authorized trade with Germany.

The Austrian Federal Chancellery, Department of Foreign Affairs, to the American Legation

[Austrian declaration of November 29, 1949]

[GERMAN TEXT — TEXTE ALLEMAND]

[TRANSLATION³ — TRADUCTION⁴]

BUNDESKANZLERAMT

FEDERAL CHANCELLERY

Auswärtige Angelegenheiten

Department of Foreign Affairs

ZI. 89.095-Pol/49

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VERBALNOTE

NOTE VERBALE

Unter Bezugnahme auf die von Herrn Legationsrat Dawling bei dem Herrn Bundesminister für die Auswärtigen Angelegenheiten durchgeführte Demarche in der Angelegenheit der von Österreich zu übernehmenden Verpflichtung, den Angehörigen der Vereinten Nationen Kompensation für eventuelle Schäden zu leisten, welche diese durch die im Art. 35 des Staatsvertrages vorgesehenen Vermögensübertragungen an

With reference to the *demarche* by Counsellor of Legation Dawling with the Federal Minister for Foreign Affairs in the matter of the obligation to be undertaken by Austria to provide compensation to United Nations nationals for any losses which they might incur as a result of transfers of property to the Soviet Union envisaged in Article 35¹ of the State Treaty, the Federal Chancellery, Department of Foreign Affairs,

¹ Redrafted as Article 22 of the signed original.

² Redrafted as Article 25 of the signed original.

³ Translation by the Government of the United States of America.

⁴ Traduction du Gouvernement des États-Unis d'Amérique.

die Sowjetunion erleiden könnten, beehrt sich das Bundeskanzleramt, Auswärtige Angelegenheiten, der Gesandtschaft der Vereinigten Staaten von Amerika folgendes zur Kenntnis zu bringen :

Angesichts der prinzipiellen Weigerung des Sowjetdelegierten, eine solche Kompensationsverpflichtung Österreichs in den Vertrag aufnehmen zu lassen, hat die Bundesregierung grundsätzlich beschlossen, dem Vorschlag der Gesandtschaft der Vereinigten Staaten, eine solche Verpflichtung in einem Zusatzprotokoll einzugehen, aus dem Grunde zuzustimmen, um das Zustandekommen des Staatsvertrages nicht länger zu verzögern, zumal ja auch die von den Delegierten der Westmächte vorgeschlagene Bestimmung für einen § 9 des Art. 42 zu demselben Resultat geführt hätte.

Im Sinne des von Herrn Legationsrat Dawling überreichten Vorschlages erklärt sich die österreichische Bundesregierung daher bereit, ein Zusatzprotokoll zum Staatsvertrag mit dem folgenden Wortlaut zu unterzeichnen :

"In any case in which the transfer of property, rights and interests as 'German assets' in accordance with the provisions of Article 35 Austrian Treaty prevents Austria from fulfilling the provisions of Paragraph 1 of Article 42, Austria shall make prompt, adequate and effective compensation to the United Nation or United Nations national concerned (as defined in Article 42 of the Treaty) for any resulting loss or prejudice."

Die Österreichische Bundesregierung gibt die vorstehende Bereitschaftserklärung in der Hoffnung ab, dass bei den seinerzeitigen Verhandlungen zur Festsetzung der Kompensationssumme auf die besondere Lage Österreichs Bedacht genommen werden wird.

Das Bundeskanzleramt, Auswärtige Angelegenheiten, benützt diese Gelegenheit,

has the honor to bring the following to the attention of the Legation of the United States of America :

In view of the refusal in principle of the Soviet delegate to permit such an obligation for compensation on the part of Austria to be incorporated in the Treaty, the Federal Government has decided in principle to agree to the proposal of the Legation of the United States to undertake such an obligation in an additional protocol, in order not to delay any longer the conclusion of the State Treaty, particularly since the provision suggested by the delegates of the Western Powers as Paragraph 9 of Article 42 would have led to the same result.

In accordance with the proposal presented by Counsellor of Legation Dawling, the Austrian Federal Government declares that it is therefore prepared to sign an additional protocol to the State Treaty with the following wording :

"In any case in which the transfer of property, rights and interests as 'German Assets' in accordance with the provisions of Article 35 Austrian Treaty prevents Austria from fulfilling the provisions of Paragraph 1 of Article 42, Austria shall make prompt, adequate and effective compensation to the United Nation or United Nation's national concerned (as defined in Article 42 of the Treaty) for any resulting loss or prejudice."

The Austrian Federal Government makes the foregoing declaration in the hope that at the time of negotiations to fix the amount of compensation, consideration will be given to Austria's special situation.

The Federal Chancellery, Department of Foreign Affairs, avails itself of this oppor-

um der Gesandtschaft der Vereinigten Staaten von Amerika den Ausdruck seiner vorzüglichen Hochachtung zu erneuern.

Wien, am 29. November 1949

An die Gesandtschaft
der Vereinigten Staaten
von Amerika
Wien

tunity to renew to the Legation of the United States of America the expression of its high consideration.

Vienna, November 29, 1949

Legation of the United States
of America
Vienna

The Austrian Federal Chancellery, Department of Foreign Affairs, to the American Legation

[*Austrian declaration of July 31, 1951*]

[GERMAN TEXT — TEXTE ALLEMAND]

[TRANSLATION¹ — TRADUCTION²]

BUNDESKANZLERAMT

FEDERAL CHANCELLERY

Auswärtige Angelegenheiten

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VERBALNOTE

NOTE VERBALE

Unter Bezugnahme auf die Verhandlungen über die Entschädigung der Angehörigen der Vereinten Nationen, die durch die im Artikel 35 des Staatsvertrages vorgesehenen Vermögensübertragungen in ihren Interessen geschädigt wurden, beehrt sich das Bundeskanzleramt, Auswärtige Angelegenheiten, nachstehende Erklärung abzugeben :

Mit Rücksicht darauf, dass sich die österreichische Regierung bereit erklärt hat, die Angehörigen der Vereinten Nationen für jede Benachteiligung zu entschädigen, die ihnen durch die Bestimmungen des Artikels 35 des Staatsvertrages zugefügt würde,

mit Rücksicht darauf, dass die Interessen, die durch diese Bestimmungen berührt werden, hauptsächlich in der Erdölindustrie liegen,

The Federal Chancellery, Department of Foreign Affairs, has the honor to make the following declaration with reference to the negotiations concerning compensation of United Nations nationals whose interests have been damaged by transfers of property envisaged in Article 35² of the State Treaty :

Considering that the Austrian Government has declared its readiness to compensate United Nations nationals for any detriment which they may suffer through the provisions of Article 35 of the State Treaty ;

Considering that the interests which will be affected by these provisions are principally those in the oil industry ;

¹ Translation by the Government of the United States of America.

² Traduction du Gouvernement des États-Unis d'Amérique.

³ Redrafted as article 22 of the signed original.

und ausserdem mit Rücksicht darauf, dass die Kontinuität und die Entwicklung der Operationen durch die Angehörigen der Vereinten Nationen, die Interessen in der Erdölindustrie Österreichs haben, gleichzeitig für Österreich und für diese Angehörigen von Nutzen sind,

verpflichtet sich die österreichische Regierung :

1. sofortige Massnahmen zu ergreifen, um die oben genannten Interessen und ihre Beteiligung an der Entwicklung der Erdölindustrie in Österreich wiederherzustellen und ihnen zu diesem Behufe alle notwendigen Erleichterungen zu sichern.
2. den Interessen aller Angehörigen der Vereinten Nationen in der Erdölindustrie in Österreich, was die Nationalisierung anlangt, die Behandlung der meistbegünstigten Nation zu garantieren.

Das Bundeskanzleramt, Auswärtige Angelegenheiten, ergreift gerne die Gelegenheit, die Gesandtschaft der Vereinigten Staaten von Amerika seiner ausgezeichneten Hochachtung zu versichern.

Wien, am 31 Juli 1951

[SIEGEL]

An die Gesandtschaft
der Vereinigten Staaten
von Amerika
Wien

and further considering that the continuity and development of operations by United Nations nationals who have interests in the oil industry in Austria are beneficial both to Austria and to those nationals ;

the Austrian Government undertakes :

1. to take immediate measures to re-establish the above-mentioned interests and their participation in the development of the oil industry in Austria, and to ensure to them all facilities necessary for this purpose ;
2. to guarantee to the interests of all United Nations nationals in the oil industry in Austria most-favored-nation treatment in respect of nationalization.

The Federal Chancellery, Department of Foreign Affairs, is pleased to avail itself of this opportunity to assure the Legation of the United States of America of its high consideration.

Vienna, July 31, 1951

[SEAL]

Legation of the United States
of America
Vienna