

No. 4235

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**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
and  
GREECE**

**Exchange of notes (with annex) constituting an agreement  
relating to the loan of vessels or small craft to Greece.  
Athens, 26 July and 5 August 1957**

*Official text: English.*

*Registered by the United States of America on 21 March 1958.*

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**ÉTATS-UNIS D'AMÉRIQUE  
et  
GRÈCE**

**Échange de notes (avec annexe) constituant un accord  
relatif au prêt de bâtiments ou petites unités navales  
à la Grèce. Athènes, 26 juillet et 5 août 1957**

*Texte officiel anglais.*

*Enregistré par les États-Unis d'Amérique le 21 mars 1958.*

No. 4235. EXCHANGE OF NOTES CONSTITUTING AN AGREEMENT<sup>1</sup> BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND GREECE RELATING TO THE LOAN OF VESSELS OR SMALL CRAFT TO GREECE. ATHENS, 26 JULY AND 5 AUGUST 1957

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I

*The Greek Minister of Foreign Affairs to the American Ambassador*

Athens, July 26, 1957

Excellency,

I have the honour to refer to recent conversations between representatives of our two Governments concerning the loan of certain naval vessels or small craft, identified in the listings annexed to this note, by the Government of the United States to the Government of Greece, and to confirm the following understandings reached between our two Governments on this subject :

1. The Government of the United States will lend to the Government of Greece, for the period set out below, the naval vessels or small craft identified in the annex to this note, and hereinafter referred to as "vessels".

2. The Government of Greece will retain possession of and use the vessels subject to the terms and conditions contained in this note and the Agreement on Aid to Greece between our two Governments signed June 20, 1947,<sup>2</sup> as supplemented by the notes exchanged between our two Governments on December 21, 1951 and January 7, 1952,<sup>3</sup> for the purpose of promoting an integrated defense of the North Atlantic area in accordance with defense plans formulated by the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

3. The period of loan for each vessel shall be five years from the date of its delivery to the Government of Greece. This period may be extended, at the discretion of the United States Government, for an additional period of not more than five years. The Government of the United States may, however, request the return of any or all of the vessels at an earlier date if such action is necessitated by its own defense requirements. In this event, the Government of Greece will promptly return such vessel or vessels to the Government of the United States in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 7 of this note.

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<sup>1</sup> Came into force on 5 August 1957 by the exchange of the said notes.

<sup>2</sup> United Nations, *Treaty Series*, Vol. 7, p. 267.

<sup>3</sup> United Nations, *Treaty Series*, Vol. 180, p. 171.

4. Each vessel, together with its available on-board spares and allowances, including consumable stores and fuel, will be delivered to the Government of Greece at a place and time to be mutually agreed upon. Each delivery shall be evidenced by a certificate of delivery. The Government of Greece shall have the use of all spares and allowances, including consumable stores and fuel, on board each vessel at the time of its delivery.

5. Title to the vessels shall remain in the Government of the United States. The Government of Greece may, however, place the vessels under the Greek flag.

6. The Government of Greece from the date of the signing of the delivery certificate renounces all claims against the Government of the United States arising out of or incident to the transfer, use or operation of the vessels and will save the Government of the United States harmless from any such claims asserted by third parties.

7. Upon the expiration or termination of the loan, each vessel, together with all on-board spares and allowances including consumable stores and fuel, shall be returned to the United States at a place and time to be specified by the Government of the United States, in substantially the same condition, fair wear and tear excepted, as when originally delivered. The return shall be without compensation by the United States with respect to any such on-board items which were not on board at the time of the original delivery. The Government of Greece will pay to the Government of the United States just and reasonable compensation for damage to or loss of any or all the vessels. However the Government of Greece shall not be liable for damage to or loss of any of the vessels arising out of enemy action and sustained while in use in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 2 of this note.

If these understandings are acceptable to Your Excellency's Government, I have the honour to propose that this note, including the attached annex, and Your Excellency's reply shall constitute an agreement between our two Governments, effective on the date of Your Excellency's reply.

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

Enclosure :  
Annex A.

Averoff <sup>TOS 172A</sup>  
TOSITSAS

H. E. The Hon. George V. Allen  
Ambassador of the United States  
Athens

A N N E X A

USS Jack (SS 259)  
USS Lapon (SS 260)

## II

*The American Ambassador to the Greek Minister of Foreign Affairs*

Athens, August 5, 1957

Excellency :

I have the honor to refer to recent conversations between representatives of our two Governments concerning the loan of certain naval vessels or small craft, identified in the listings annexed to this note, by the Government of the United States to the Government of Greece, and to confirm the following understandings reached between our two Governments on this subject :

[*See note I*]

I have been instructed by my Government to confirm that the terms of the loan, as outlined in Your Excellency's note, are acceptable to my Government. In accordance with your request, we may consider this agreement effective today.

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

Geo. V. ALLEN

Enclosure :  
Annex A.

His Excellency Evangelos Averoff-Tositsas  
Minister of Foreign Affairs  
Athens

## ANNEX A

USS Jack (SS 259)  
USS Lapon (SS 260)

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