

PURCHASE OF URUGUAYAN WOOL

Exchange of notes at Washington November 23, 1942

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The Secretary of State to the Uruguayan Ambassador

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

WASHINGTON

November 23, 1942

EXCELLENCY:

I have the honor to refer to the recent conversations held by the representatives of your Government and of the Government of the United States of America concerning the unsold portion of the Uruguayan wool clip of the 1941-1942 season and the Uruguayan wool clip of the 1942-1943 season. The Defense Supplies Corporation, an agency of this Government, has agreed to purchase Uruguayan wool of these two clips on the terms and conditions set forth in the attached memorandum of understanding² reached as a result of the conversations referred to.

It is my hope that this agreement will aid in the stabilization of the economy of Uruguay and will decrease the dislocations to its economy caused by the war demand.

It has been agreed between the two Governments that they will from time to time consult with the joint objective of limiting exports of wool from Uruguay in such manner that Uruguayan wool required by the United States of America for the conduct of the War is made available for that purpose and in such manner that it does not become available, directly or indirectly, for purposes disadvantageous to the conduct of the War.

I believe that the agreement which has been reached between our Governments substantially furthers the effectiveness of the Resolutions adopted at the Third Meeting of Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the American Republics held at Rio de Janeiro and is a step forward in the development of mutually advantageous economic relations between our two countries.

Accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

CORDELL HULL

His Excellency

Dr. JUAN CARLOS BLANCO,

Ambassador of Uruguay.

¹ Pursuant to notice of termination given by the United States July 13, 1943.

² Not printed.

The Uruguayan Ambassador to the Secretary of State

[TRANSLATION]

EMBASSY OF URUGUAY

WASHINGTON, D.C.

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MR. SECRETARY OF STATE:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of Your Excellency's note of today in which you refer to the conversations recently held between the representatives of the Government of the United States of America and my Government relative to the unsold part of the 1941-1942 crop of Uruguayan wool and of the 1942-1943 crop of Uruguayan wool.

At the same time Your Excellency informs me that an agency of your Government, The Defense Supplies Corporation, has agreed to buy Uruguayan wool of these two crops on the terms and conditions established in the annexed memorandum of the understanding reached as a result of the conversations mentioned.

Your Excellency indicates, further, that this agreement will contribute to the stabilization of the economy of Uruguay and will reduce the disturbances in its economy caused by the demands of the war.

Reference is also made in Your Excellency's note to the agreement of both Governments with respect to consultations from time to time with the double purpose of limiting the wool exports of Uruguay in such manner that the Uruguayan wool required by the United States of America for conducting the war may be obtainable for this purpose and may not be obtainable, directly or indirectly, for purposes detrimental to the conduct of the war.

Taking note of these declarations, I have the pleasure to express that the Government of the Republic of Uruguay shares in the statements made and that it believes that the agreement which has been reached between our Governments substantially broadens the efficacy of the Resolutions adopted at the Third Meeting of Ministers of Foreign Relations of the American Republics, held at Rio de Janeiro, and that it is a forward step in the development of mutually advantageous economic relations between the United States of America and the Republic of Uruguay.

I remain, Mr. Secretary, with my highest consideration,

J. C. BLANCO

His Excellency

The Honorable CORDELL HULL,

*Secretary of State of the United States of America,
Washington.*