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Exchange of Notes

between His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Danish Government
prolonging the Agreement for the participation of a Danish Contingent in the Occupation of Germany of 22nd April, 1947

London, 10th December, 1948

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OF A DANISH CONTINGENT IN THE OCCUPATION OF
GERMANY OF 22nd APRIL, 1947.

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(1)

*The United Kingdom Minister of Defence to the Danish Minister of
Defence, Head of the Danish Delegation to London*

Ministry of Defence,

Sir,

London, 10th December, 1948.

I have the honour to propose that, in accordance with paragraph 3 of Article III of the Agreement between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Royal Danish Government regarding the participation of a Danish contingent in the occupation of Germany, signed in Copenhagen on the 22nd of April, 1947⁽¹⁾, (hereinafter referred to as "the 1947 Agreement"), an agreement shall be made between the Government of the United Kingdom and the Royal Danish Government as follows:—

- (1) Except as hereinafter provided the Danish Government shall continue to maintain a contingent in Germany pursuant to the provisions of the 1947 Agreement for a further period of 2 years⁽²⁾, to expire on 15th May, 1951, unless extended six months before that date by agreement between the contracting Governments.
- (2) Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph (1) above, either Government has the right to ask for negotiations at any time with a view to the withdrawal of the Danish contingent before 15th May, 1951.
- (3) Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph 1 of Article I of the 1947 Agreement, the total strength of the contingent may be reduced to 2,000 men when the troops at present serving in Germany are relieved in April 1949, and to 1,000 men in October 1949.
- (4) Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph 2 of Article I of the 1947 Agreement, the Danish Government shall be entitled—if it is found desirable—to change over the personnel of the contingent at intervals of not less than 4 months.
- (5) The provisions of paragraph 2 of Article III of the 1947 Agreement shall apply throughout the period mentioned in paragraph 1 above.
- (6) In addition to the items mentioned in Article VII of the 1947 Agreement the facilities to be placed at the disposal of the Danish contingent shall include the provision of Deutschemarks in part payment of the Danish troops up to limits agreed between the Commander of the Danish contingent and the Financial Adviser to the British Military Governor. Such limits, which shall be subject to review, shall be agreed in the first instance not later than 1st January, 1949. In the event of any claim for external occupation costs being made in the future against Germany, the amount of such claims will be reduced by the amounts of Deutschemarks provided for the Danish contingent in accordance with this paragraph.

⁽¹⁾ "Treaty Series No. 32 (1947)," Cmd. 7164.

⁽²⁾ "Treaty Series No. 89 (1948)," Cmd. 7593.

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- (7) In accordance with the provisions of paragraph 3 of Article X of the 1947 Agreement, the Danish Government shall pay to the Government of the United Kingdom the balance of the sum of £1,457,000 mentioned therein by continuing to pay yearly instalments of £291,400 which shall be paid not later than 31st December, 1949, 1950 and 1951 respectively. If the Danish contingent is recalled under paragraph 2 of Article III of the 1947 Agreement before 15th May, 1951, the question of accelerating payment of any such instalment outstanding at the time of withdrawal shall, at the request of the Government of the United Kingdom be the subject of special negotiations between the Government of the United Kingdom and the Danish Government.
- (8) Any further payment necessary to effect the purchase of any of the equipment in category (b) as defined in paragraph 1 of Article X of the 1947 Agreement which the Danish Government wish to retain on termination of the hiring arrangement shall be made as follows. Within two months of the withdrawal of the Danish contingent from Germany the Danish Government shall provide the Government of the United Kingdom with a list of the equipment in category (b) which they do not wish to retain. Within one month of the receipt of this list the Government of the United Kingdom shall notify the Danish Government of the further payment, if any, necessary to complete the purchase of the retained equipment. Within one month of the receipt of this notification the Danish Government shall make the necessary further payment, if any, to the Government of the United Kingdom, and ownership of the retained equipment shall thereupon pass to the Danish Government. The Danish Government will be at liberty to remove the retained equipment to Denmark with the contingent on the understanding that such equipment shall, during and after removal, be entirely at the risk of the Danish Government.
- (9) If at any time the costs of occupation are recovered from Germany, the Government of the United Kingdom undertake to assist the Danish Government to secure recovery of its share *pari passu* with other occupying powers.
- (10) The Danish contingent shall be entitled to carry on direct and uncensored communication with Denmark by post, wire, and wireless (including the use of their own ciphers). For this purpose, the British authorities will give the necessary concessions for static signals, frequencies, and despatch routes.
- (11) The Danish contingent shall be entitled to maintain communication by air between Denmark and an airfield which is close to the location of the Danish contingent in the British zone of Germany, under arrangements to be agreed between the Commander of the Danish contingent and the British Military Governor.

If you agree, this note together with your reply shall constitute an agreement between the Government of the United Kingdom and the Danish Government on the terms set forth above. This agreement shall come into force upon notification by the Royal Danish Government to the Government of the United Kingdom that the Agreement has been approved by the Danish Parliament⁽³⁾, and shall then have effect as if it had come into force on the 15th December, 1948.

I avail, &c.
 (Sd.) A. V. ALEXANDER.

⁽³⁾ The approval of the Danish Parliament was notified to His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom by a note from the Danish Ambassador in London dated 15th June, 1949.

*The Danish Minister of Defence, Head of the Danish Delegation to
London to the United Kingdom Minister of Defence*

Danish Delegation,

London, 10th December, 1948.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of the note which you have been good enough to address to me to-day in the following terms:—

“I have the honour to propose that, in accordance with paragraph 3 of Article III of the Agreement between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Royal Danish Government regarding the participation of a Danish contingent in the occupation of Germany, signed in Copenhagen on the 22nd of April, 1947 (hereinafter referred to as “the 1947 Agreement”), an agreement shall be made between the Government of the United Kingdom and the Royal Danish Government as follows:—

[As in (1)]

If you agree, this note together with your reply shall constitute an agreement between the Government of the United Kingdom and the Danish Government on the terms set forth above. This agreement shall come into force upon notification by the Royal Danish Government to the Government of the United Kingdom that the Agreement has been approved by the Danish Parliament, and shall then have effect as if it had come into force on the 15th December, 1948.”

On behalf of the Royal Danish Government I agree that your note together with this reply shall constitute an agreement between our respective Governments and that this agreement shall come into force upon notification by the Royal Danish Government to the Government of the United Kingdom that the agreement has been approved by the Danish Parliament, and shall then have effect as if it had come into force on the 15th December, 1948.

I avail, &c.

(Sd.) RASMUS HANSEN.

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