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WASHINGTON

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Sir:

With reference to my despatch No. 609 of March 11, 1944, and Dominions Office Telegram Circular D. 861 of June 12th, regarding the control of shipping during the period after the liberation of Europe, I enclose copies of a memorandum of principles which it is intended that the United Kingdom and the United States Government should jointly submit to the Maritime Nations of the United Nations. The document was received from the British Embassy today.

As you are aware, discussions between the United Kingdom and the United States Governments on the subject of the control of shipping during the period after the liberation of Europe have recently taken place in Washington. The two Governments propose to discuss the matter with other governments of the United Nations who have contributed ships to the existing United Nations pool, and for this purpose hope to be able to arrange discussions in London at a very early date. It is hoped that invitations will be issued in the course of the next few days.

The enclosed memorandum of principles was drafted as a result of the Washington discussions by the representatives of the War Shipping Administration of the United States and representatives of the British Ministry of War Transport and the British Merchant Shipping Mission. The memorandum on principles was forwarded to the British Ambassador by Secretary Hull on June 16th with an intimation that the United States was prepared to accept the memorandum and would regard the agreement as having become effective on receipt by the Department of State of a note from the British Embassy expressing the concurrence of the government of the United Kingdom.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,

M.M. Mahoney

For the Ambassador.

The Secretary of State
for External Affairs,
Ottawa, Canada.

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