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.., June 20, 1927.

DRAFT OF PACT OF PERPETUAL FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN FRANCE AND THE UNITED STATES¹

The President of the French Republic and the President of the United States of America,

Equally desirous of affirming the solidarity of the French people and the people of the United States of America in their wish for peace and in their renunciation of a recourse to arms as an instrument of their policy towards each other,

And having come to an agreement to consecrate in a solemn Act these sentiments as much in accord with the progress of modern democracies as with the mutual friendship and esteem of two nations that no war has ever divided and which the defence of liberty and justice has always drawn closer,

Have to this end designated for their plenipotentiaries, to wit,

The President of the French Republic

The President of the United States of America

Who, after having exchanged their powers, recognized in good and duc form, have agreed upon the following provisions:—

ARTICLE 1

The high contracting powers solemnly declare, in the name of the French people and the people of the United States of America, that they condemn recourse to war and renounce it respectively as an instrument of their national policy towards each other.

ARTICLE 2

The settlement or the solution of all disputes or conflicts, of whatever nature or of whatever origin they may be, which may arise between France and the United States of America, shall never be sought by either side except by pacific means.

ARTICLE 3

The present Act shall be ratified. The ratifications thereof shall be exchanged at as soon as possible and from that time it shall have full force and value.

In witness whereof the above-named plenipotentiaries have signed the present Act and have thereunto set their seal.

Done at in two copies (each drawn up both in French and English and having equal force), the nineteen hundred and twenty-seven.

(Signatures and seals)

 $^{^1}$ Transmitted to the Secretary of State of the United States by M. Briand through the United States Ambassador at Paris.