

United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the United States of America and the French Republic that the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany agrees that adequate opportunities be afforded to the Governments of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the United States of America and the French Republic or their authorised agents, for the observation of all matters dealt with in Chapter Four of the Convention on the Settlement of Matters arising out of the War and the Occupation in so far as non-German nationals or non-residents of the Federal territory are involved.

Furthermore, the United Kingdom and the United States and the French Republic have noted the assurances which have been given in the course of the negotiations by the representatives of the Government of the Federal Republic and according to which the undertakings which the Federal Republic has contracted under paragraph 4(b) of Chapter 4 of the Settlement Convention, in so far as they are not already covered by German law, represent for the Federal Government a natural obligation which it is prepared voluntarily to assume in the future. On the basis of these assurances, the United Kingdom, and the United States and the French Republic have accepted the deletion of the above-mentioned provision.

Your confirmation of the above agreement would be appreciated.

Accept, Mr. Chancellor, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

United Kingdom High
Commissioner for Germany

Paris, 23rd October 1954

His Excellency,
The Chancellor of the
Federal Republic of Germany.

Mr. Chancellor,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter of today's date which is worded as follows:

"With reference to Article 13 of Chapter One of the Convention on the Settlement of Matters arising out of the War and the Occupation included in Schedule IV of the Protocol on the Termination of the Occupation Regime in the Federal Republic of Germany signed in Paris this day, I have the honour to inform you of the agreement of the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany to the following arrangements which have been concerted between representatives of the Governments of the Federal

Republic of Germany, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the United States of America and the French Republic.

2. The property referred to in Article 13 of Chapter One of the said Convention comprises:-

- (a) (i) Movable and immovable property belonging to the Federal Republic, other than property administered by the German Railways or Federal Post;
- (ii) Movable and immovable property previously owned by the former Reich which on the entry into force of the said Convention, is subject to the administration of the Federal Republic in accordance with the Law for a Provisional Settlement of the Legal Status of Reich Property and the Prussian Shares of 21 July 1951 (Bundesgesetzblatt Teil I Seite 467) and the Ordinance for the Implementation of Article 6 of that Law of 26 July 1951 (Bundesgesetzblatt Teil I Seite 471), other than property administered by the German Federal Railways or Federal Post;
- (b) Movable and immovable property belonging to the constituent Laender of the Federal Republic and their political sub-divisions.
- (c) Privately owned movable and immovable property;
- (d) Immovable property the construction of which was financed out of occupation costs or mandatory expenditure funds of the Federal Republic or its constituent Laender;
- (e) Movable property acquired from occupation costs or mandatory expenditure funds.

3. The property referred to in sub-paragraphs (a), (b), (c) and (d) of the foregoing paragraph shall be determined after hearing the interested parties and taking into account the special needs of the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland during the transitional period, by mutual agreement between representatives to be designated for that purpose by each of the Governments of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the United States of America and the French Republic and the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany respectively, and with the co-operation of the Protocol Department of the Federal Foreign Office. Property of the types specified in sub-paragraphs (a), (b), (c) and (d) of the foregoing paragraph which is not included in the determination made pursuant to this paragraph will be released.