

Exchange of Notes between His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the United States Government regarding the Interpretation of Article 19 of the London Naval Treaty, 1930.

London, June 5, 1930.

No. 1.

*General Dawes to Mr. Arthur Henderson.*

UNITED STATES EMBASSY,  
LONDON, June 5, 1930.

Sir,

It is the understanding of the Government of the United States that the word "category" in Article 19 of the London Naval Treaty of 1930 means category or sub-category. The Government of the United States declares that it interprets the Treaty to mean that vessels becoming overage of either sub-category A or sub-category B of the cruiser categories (Article 16) shall be replaceable only in that sub-category.

I have the honour to state that my Government would be most happy to have a note of confirmation as to whether this interpretation is shared by His Majesty's Government.

I have, &c.,

(For the Ambassador),

RAY ATHERTON,  
*Counsellor of Embassy.*

The Right Honourable

ARTHUR HENDERSON, M.P.,

etc., etc., etc.,

Foreign Office, S.W.1.

No. 2.

*Mr. Arthur Henderson to General Dawes.*

FOREIGN OFFICE, June 5, 1930.

Your Excellency,

In the note which your Excellency was so good as to address to me on the 5th June you stated that it was the understanding of the Government of the United States that the word "category" in Article 19 of the London Naval Treaty, 1930, meant category or sub-category. Your Excellency added that the Government of the United States declared that it interpreted the Treaty to mean that vessels becoming overage of either sub-category A or sub-category B of the cruiser categories (Article 16) shall be replaceable only in that sub-category.

2. His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom note the above understanding and interpretation of the London Naval Treaty of 1930 and concur therein. His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom do so without prejudice to Article 20 (a) of that Treaty under which they understand that the tonnage to be scrapped and replaced in the case of the British Commonwealth of Nations by the 91,000 tons of 6-inch cruiser tonnage which may be completed before the 31st December, 1936, comprises partly 6-inch-gun cruiser tonnage and partly cruiser tonnage of the 7.5-inch gun "Effingham" class.

I have, &c.,

(For the Secretary of State),

R. VANSITTART.

His Excellency

General CHARLES G. DAWES, C.B.,

etc., etc., etc.