

TRANSFER OF NAVAL VESSELS AND EQUIPMENT

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The Acting Secretary of State to the Greek Ambassador

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

WASHINGTON

Dec 1 1947

EXCELLENCY:

I have the honor to refer to the Agreement between our two Governments on aid to Greece signed at Athens on June 20, 1947,¹ and to the proposed transfer thereunder to the Government of the Kingdom of Greece of certain United States naval vessels as listed in subparagraph 5 below. The Government of the United States of America, in accordance with determinations made under Article 4 of the Agreement of June 20, 1947, proposes that the following terms and conditions shall govern the transfer of such naval vessels.

1. The Government of the United States will transfer to the Government of Greece the vessels listed in subparagraph 5 below, will provide materials and supplies for operation and maintenance of such vessels together with six months' supply of essential spare parts, will furnish the technical advice and training of crews for the operation of such vessels and will deliver such vessels at times and places to be agreed. Such transfer of vessels and furnishing of materials, supplies, technical advice, and the training of crews shall be without cost or charge to the Government of Greece.

2. Ownership of the vessels transferred hereunder shall be acquired by the Government of Greece at the time of delivery of each vessel, which shall be evidenced by a delivery certificate executed by the Government of Greece in the form prescribed by the Government of the United States.

¹ TIAS 1625, *ante*, p. 403.

3. The Government of Greece shall indemnify and hold harmless the Government of the United States, its officers, agents, servants, and employees against any and all claims, obligations, demands, losses, damages, expenses, and costs of every kind and nature in connection with the transfer of the vessels hereunder or the use and operation thereof by the Government of Greece. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Government of Greece shall indemnify and hold harmless the Government of the United States, its officers, agents, servants, and employees against any and all claims, obligations, demands, losses, damages, expenses, and costs arising or growing out of the transfer to the Government of Greece, or the use by such Government subsequent to such transfer, of Bofors 40mm guns or guns of similar type made or produced under or pursuant to an agreement dated June 21, 1941,² between the United States of America and Aktiebolaget Bofors, a Swedish firm, which guns may be or are part or parts of armament, equipment, or fittings of the vessels to be transferred under this agreement.

4. The Government of Greece shall not relinquish physical possession of, or transfer ownership of, any of the vessels or their armament, equipment, or fittings obtained under this agreement without the prior written consent of the Government of the United States. Naval equipment or information furnished under this agreement or otherwise, of any security classification whatsoever, shall be safeguarded in accordance with the requirements of the appropriate security classifications of the United States Navy and no disclosure of such equipment or information shall be made by the Government of Greece to other governments or unauthorized persons without the prior written consent of the Government of the United States.

5. The following vessels are proposed to be transferred to the Government of Greece under the Agreement of June 20, 1947 in accordance with the provisions of Public Law No. 75 of the 80th Congress.³

PGM 16
PGM 21

PGM 22
PGM 25

PGM 28
PGM 29

The foregoing terms and conditions with respect to the transfer of naval vessels will be considered in effect upon their acceptance by the Government of Greece.

Accept, Excellency, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

ROBERT A. LOVETT
Acting Secretary of State

His Excellency
VASSILI C. DENDRAMIS,
Ambassador of Greece.

² Not printed.

³ 61 Stat. 103.

The Greek Ambassador to the Acting Secretary of State

ROYAL GREEK EMBASSY

WASHINGTON

December 3, 1947

No. 9123/6

EXCELLENCY:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated December 1, 1947, which is as follows:

[For text of U.S. note, see above.]

I am authorized by my Government to inform you in reply that it agrees with the contents of the letter and accepts the terms and conditions with respect to the transfer of the foregoing naval vessels.

Accept, Excellency, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

VASSILI DENDRAMIS

Ambassador of Greece

His Excellency

ROBERT A. LOVETT

Acting Secretary of State