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The American Ambassador to the Italian Prime Minister

AMERICAN EMBASSY, ROME

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Excellency :

I have the honor to refer to the conversations which have recently taken place between representatives of our two Governments relating to Defense Support Aid for Italy in fiscal year 1955 in order to promote the purposes of the Mutual Security Act of 1954. The United States Government is prepared to grant $15,520,000 to the Italian Government for this purpose from Mutual Security Funds appropriated for fiscal year 1955 on the following basis.

1) The whole of the $15,520,000 to be allotted by the Government of the United States will be subject to the normal import programming and control procedures established under the Mutual Security Act of 1954, and the Economic Cooperation Agreement of June 28, 1948 as amended between the United States and Italy.[2]

2) Except for the commodities, if any, imported into Italy under the preceding paragraph within the terms of Section 402 of the Mutual Security Act of 1954, the lire counterpart of the foregoing $15,520,000 will be deposited, released, and accounted for according to the normal procedures provided in the governing agreements between the United States and Italy. Insofar as the commodities imported into Italy under the preceding paragraph are sales within the terms of Section 402 of the Mutual Security Act of 1954, the local currencies resulting from such sales shall be deposited to the account of the United States Government.

3) Except as may otherwise be provided for by agreement between the United States and Italy, the counterpart held to the account of the Italian Government is to be used to build roads and other productive public works basic to the development of the economy of Southern Italy, thereby creating new short and long-term employment possibilities for depressed areas. Similarly, except as may be otherwise provided for by agreement between the United States and Italy, the local currencies deposited to the account of the United States from Section 402 sales under the Mutual Security Act of 1954 will be granted to the Government of Italy for the purposes described in the preceding sentence.

[1] Came into force on 11 February 1955 by the exchange of the said notes.
[2] United Nations, *Treaty Series*, Vol. 20, p. 43, Vol. 55, p. 318; Vol. 79, p. 274; Vol. 141, p. 362, and Vol. 200, p. 264.