DEPARTMENT OF STATE
WASHINGTON

May 23, 1947

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

Subject: Proposed Agreement on Aid to Greece

I am attaching for your consideration a proposed basic agreement between the United States and Greece setting forth the general terms and conditions which shall govern the furnishing of assistance to Greece by the United States.

I am also attaching a draft note which we would propose that the Greek Government send to this Government, in advance of the conclusion of the basic agreement, outlining the plans of the Greek Government which will lay a basis for American assistance in recovery and reconstruction in Greece. This note is incorporated by reference in an appropriate manner in the proposed basic agreement. Both the agreement and the note will be registered with the United Nations.

Under this proposed procedure, the initiative and responsibility for domestic reconstruction measures in Greece lie with the Greek Government where they belong, while at the same time the United States Government exercises full control over the expenditure of United States funds and over Greek governmental programs directly affecting the success of the American assistance program.

If you approve the draft agreement and note, Secretary Marshall intends to send them immediately to Athens for discussion and negotiation with the Greek Government.

DEAN ACHESON

Enclosures:
Draft agreement.
Draft note.