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Mr. Luxford

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for copies of final  
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MR. J. B. FRIEDMAN

December 14, 1945

MEMORANDUM for the Files:

Mr. Ferguson of the State Department called me this morning and stated that Secretary Vinson and Mr. Acheson had met at the White House today and agreed (at Acheson's suggestion) that Secretary Vinson sign the Bretton Woods Agreements for the United States. Ferguson asked me to send him copies of the memorandum to the President concerning this matter together with a proposed certificate of acceptance to be signed by the President and a letter authorizing Secretary Vinson to sign the Agreements. I mentioned this matter to Messrs. White and Coe who agreed that we should send over these documents, which I did.

Ferguson also mentioned that two changes had been made in the cable which has now been sent out to all governments concerning signature of Bretton Woods Agreements. The date for the signing ceremony has been changed to December 27. An additional sentence has been inserted indicating that on strictly procedural matters relating to the signing of the Agreements, foreign governments can get in touch with Mr. Potts of the Treaty Division. Ferguson said that he has an agreement with the Treaty Division that if any such inquiries were made to Potts, Collado's office will be represented at the discussions.

Ferguson said that he hoped that the Treasury would not insist that the legislation concerning the British loan contain any language referring to the Agreement as "proposed" or indicating that it is submitted to Congress for approval. I told him that this matter still had to be discussed with Secretary Vinson and that efforts were being made to arrange a meeting on it today.

J. B. Friedman

cc: Messrs. O'Connell, White, Coe, Luxford, Brenner.

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