

*Agreement between the United States of America and Finland for the exchange of official publications. Effected by exchange of notes, signed December 28 and 30, 1938; effective January 1, 1939.*

December 28 and  
30, 1938  
[E. A. S. No. 139]

*The Acting Secretary of States (Welles) to the Minister of Finland  
(Järnefelt)*

DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
Washington, December 28, 1938.

SIR:

I have the honor, with reference to recent correspondence in regard to the broadening of the exchange of official publications between the United States of America and Finland, to express my understanding of the provisions which are to govern the exchange beginning with January 1, 1939, as follows:

Agreement with  
Finland for the ex-  
change of official pub-  
lications.

1. One copy of each official publication of the several branches of the Government of the United States of America shall be furnished regularly to the Library of Parliament at Helsinki through the medium of the International Exchange Service of the Smithsonian Institution. A list of branches of the Government of the United States of America the publications of which are to be furnished under the present agreement is attached (List No. 1). This list shall be extended, without the necessity of subsequent negotiations, to include any new offices which the Government of the United States of America may create in the future.

2. One copy of each official publication of the several branches of the Government of Finland shall be furnished regularly to the Government of the United States of America. A list describing the publications of the Government of Finland which are to be furnished under the present agreement is attached (List No. 2).

3. This agreement shall not be understood to modify any agreements for the exchange of publications that may already exist between the various departments and other instrumentalities of the Government of the United States of America and the departments and other instrumentalities of the Government of Finland.

Upon the receipt of a note from you confirming the above understanding, my Government will consider the agreement effective as of January 1, 1939.

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

For the Acting Secretary of State:

G. S. MESSERSMITH

The Honorable  
EERO JÄRNEFELT,  
*Minister of Finland.*

## LIST NO. 1

**1. Congress**

Congressional records, bound; the Senate and House journals, bound; United States code and supplements, bound; all other publications printed by order of either House of the United States Congress.

**2. Executive departments (including without further specification the various bureaus and divisions thereof)**

Department of State  
 Department of the Treasury  
 Department of War  
 Department of Justice  
 Post Office Department  
 Department of the Navy  
 Department of the Interior  
 Department of Agriculture  
 Department of Commerce  
 Department of Labor

**3. Independent offices and establishments**

Civil Service Commission  
 General Accounting Office  
 Interstate Commerce Commission  
 Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System  
 Federal Trade Commission  
 Tariff Commission  
 Board of Tax Appeals  
 Federal Power Commission  
 Federal Housing Administration  
 Veterans' Administration  
 National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics  
 Commission of Fine Arts  
 Reconstruction Finance Corporation  
 Federal Home Loan Bank Board  
 Tennessee Valley Authority  
 Rural Electrification Administration  
 Farm Credit Administration  
 Central Statistical Board  
 Civilian Conservation Corps  
 Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation  
 Securities and Exchange Commission  
 National Archives  
 National Resources Committee  
 National Labor Relations Board  
 Railroad Retirement Board  
 Federal Communications Commission  
 Social Security Board  
 Maritime Commission  
 National Mediation Board  
 Civil Aeronautics Authority

**4. Courts**

Supreme Court of the United States  
 Court of Customs and Patent Appeals  
 Court of Claims

## LIST NO. 2

All publications issued by the Parliament of Finland

“Suomen Asetuskokoelma” (Laws, Decrees, etc. in Finnish. One separate series for each calendar year)

“Finlands Författningssamling” (same in Swedish)

“Suomen Asetuskokoelman Sopimussarja” (Treaty Series in Finnish. One separate series for each calendar year)

“Finlands Författningssamlings Fördragsserie” (same in Swedish)

All publications issued, in Finnish and Swedish, by the “Lainvalmistelukunta” (Board for the revision of laws)

Reports of the various Government Committees, in Finnish and also in Swedish when reports are published even in that language

All official statistics (irrespective of by what authorities they are published)

Reports of the Ministries, the Provincial Governments, the Central Boards, and other official institutions

Publications issued by the Supreme Court

Publications issued by the Supreme Court of Administration

“Pieni Lakisarja” (a series of important laws published for practical purposes)

The official publicity literature

Publications issued by the Government Boards of Experiment and Investigation and other official scientific Boards, and publications on the agricultural experimental work. These are published in Finnish and Swedish and sometimes, in addition thereto, in a foreign language.

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*The Minister of Finland (Järnefelt) to the Acting Secretary of State  
(Welles)*

LEGATION OF FINLAND

WASHINGTON, D. C.

No. 3602

*December 30, 1938*

EXCELLENCY:

I have the honor to refer to Your Excellency's note of December 28, 1938, in regard to the broadening of the exchange of official publications between Finland and the United States of America, and to inform that my Government fully agrees to and accepts the understanding quoted in said note.

Consequently, my Government will consider the agreement effective as of January 1, 1939.

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

EERO JÄRNEFELT

His Excellency MR. SUMNER WELLES

*Acting Secretary of State*

*Washington, D. C.*