



Treaty Series No. 27 (1966)

Exchange of Notes

between the Government of the
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
and the Royal Hellenic Government

concerning the Restoration to the
Royal Hellenic Government of the Land
on which the Anglo-French Crimean
War Cemetery at New Phaleron
is situated

Athens, 17 December 1965 and 12 January 1966

[The Agreement entered into force on ¹⁹~~24~~ February 1966]

*Presented to Parliament by the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs
by Command of Her Majesty
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OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND AND THE
ROYAL HELLENIC GOVERNMENT CONCERNING THE
RESTORATION TO THE ROYAL HELLENIC GOVERNMENT
OF THE LAND ON WHICH THE ANGLO-FRENCH CRIMEAN
WAR CEMETERY AT NEW PHALERON IS SITUATED**

No. 1

*Her Majesty's Chargé d'Affaires at Athens to the Minister for Foreign Affairs
of the Royal Hellenic Government*

British Embassy,

Athens, 17 December, 1965.

Monsieur le Ministre,

I have the honour to inform Your Excellency that in response to the requests of the Royal Hellenic Government and in order to facilitate the requirements of the Greek Olympic Committee, the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, in conjunction with the Government of the French Republic, desire to restore to the Royal Hellenic Government as an outright gift the land on which the Anglo-French Crimean War Cemetery at New Phaleron is situated, the joint property of the Government of the United Kingdom and the Government of the French Republic by the gift of the Royal Hellenic Government confirmed by the Greek law of the 30th of April, 1858. The land which the Government of the United Kingdom and the Government of the French Republic desire to restore to the Royal Hellenic Government comprises an area of 21,630 (twenty one thousand six hundred and thirty) square metres as shown on the plan annexed to the present Note.

The Government of the United Kingdom in conjunction with the Government of the French Republic propose to restore this land to the Royal Hellenic Government on the following conditions:

- (a) The Royal Hellenic Government shall agree to the transfer of the Anglo-French Crimean War Cemetery from its existing site at New Phaleron to a site situated within the boundaries of the Commonwealth War Cemetery at Kalamaki in its north-east corner, which the Commonwealth War Graves Commission have agreed to make available for this purpose. The exact situation and boundaries of this site shall be determined by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission in agreement with the Government of the United Kingdom and the Government of the French Republic.
- (b) The Royal Hellenic Government shall arrange for the payment to the British Embassy of all the costs of transferring the cemetery from its existing site, and of its re-establishment in its new position at Kalamaki, in accordance with the attached estimate.

- (c) This agreement shall take effect on the payment to the British Embassy of Drs.131,050 (one hundred and thirty one thousand and fifty drachmae)⁽¹⁾, the estimated cost of the work. The Royal Hellenic Government shall arrange for the payment of any excess of the actual expenditure over the estimate to the British Embassy on completion of the work.
- (d) The actual work of transferring the cemetery, including the monuments and any existing remains, will be carried out by representatives of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission as Agents of the Government of the United Kingdom and the Government of the French Republic.

If the above proposals are acceptable to the Royal Hellenic Government, I have the honour to suggest that this Note and Your Excellency's reply to that effect, together with the Notes in similar terms exchanged between the Government of the French Republic and the Royal Hellenic Government shall constitute an agreement in this matter between the Government of the United Kingdom and the Government of the French Republic of the one part and the Royal Hellenic Government of the other.

I avail myself, Monsieur le Ministre, of this opportunity to renew to Your Excellency the assurance of my highest consideration.

R. A. SYKES,
Chargé d'Affaires.

APPENDIX A

ESTIMATE OF COST OF WORK TO BE CARRIED OUT IN
REMOVING THE ANGLO-FRENCH CRIMEAN CEMETERY IN
ATHENS TO A NEW COMMEMORATIVE SITE IN PHALERON
WAR CEMETERY

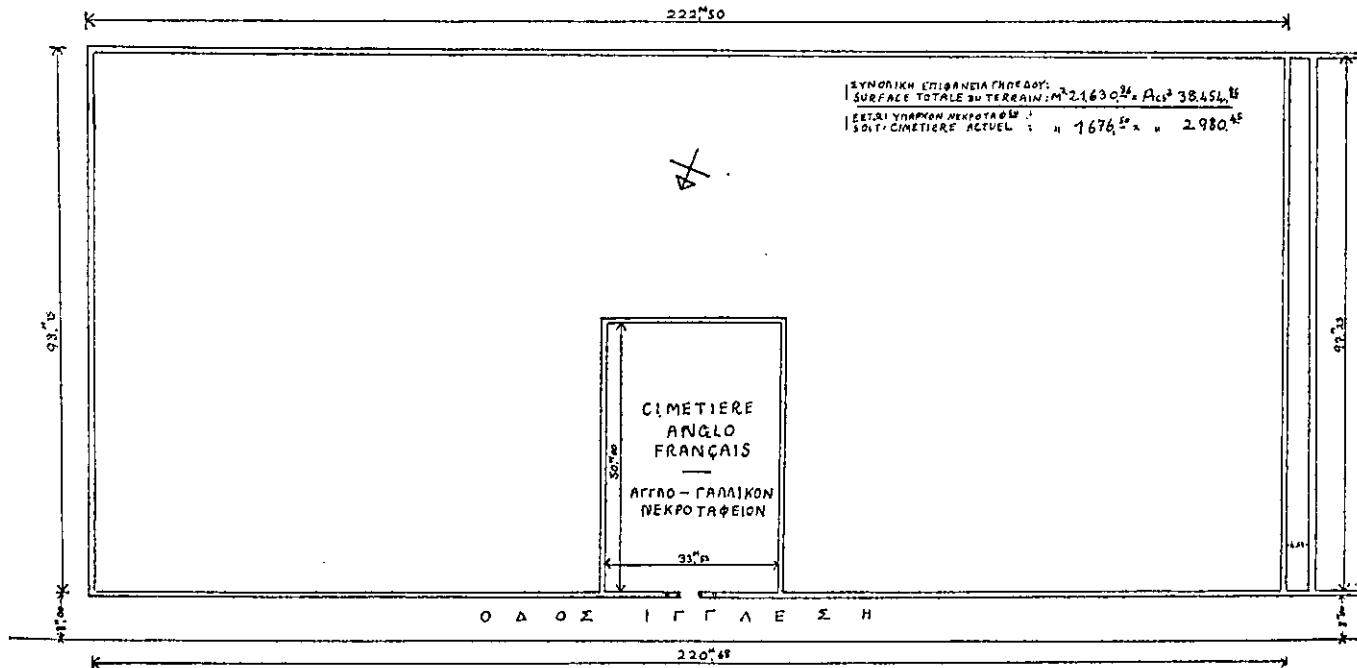
*Take down and re-erect on new site the following
Memorials, including carting, new foundations,
and repair where necessary*

<i>Item</i>	<i>Dr.</i>
1 Anglo-French Brigade Memorial	7,800
2 No. 6 French Memorials	18,200
3 No. 6 British Memorials	18,100
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4 Provide new gateway in boundary walling of Phaleron War Cemetery, including erection of two new stone piers and concrete threshold, and supplying and fixing wrought iron gate	6,480
5 Break up and pile remaining markers on old site, including defacing all inscriptions to render them illegible	3,000

(1) This sum was received by Her Majesty's Embassy, Athens, on 19 February, 1966.

<i>Item</i>	<i>Dr.</i>
6 Remove any human remains found in existing vaults, carefully box, cart to new site and re-inter as directed. Include digging trial holes for other buried remains as directed, and removal as above	5,000
7 Provide and erect concrete post and 3-strand wire fencing to three sides of new site, approximately 72 metres run overall length, similar to other fencing at Phaleron War Cemetery, and fill in with heavy galvanised chain link mesh. Provide service gateway, with light wrought iron gate and concrete threshold	8,500
<i>The following plaques to be supplied in white pentelikon marble and fixed as directed to the Anglo-French Brigade Memorial</i>	
8 No. 1 Plaque 1.00 × 0.80 m. and 2.5 cm. thick, including incising of 650 letters 2.5 cm. high and 50 letters 3 cm. high	} 5,200
No. 2 Plaques 1.00 × 0.60 m. and 2.5 cm. thick, including incising on each 500 letters 2.5 cm. high	
9 Tap existing water mains in Phaleron War Cemetery, lay 2" galvanised branch to new Cemetery enclosure in trench at least 30 cms. deep, the branch to terminate five metres within the new enclosure and to be fitted with 1" hose union bibcock in new valve box ...	13,000
Works total	85,280
10 Horticultural work in grading site, planting grass, trees and shrubs,	14,000
	99,280
11 Add on costs 20%	19,856
TOTAL	119,136
Add on 10% to allow for higher wage rates and an increase in the cost of materials (as notified to the Royal Hellenic Ministry of Foreign Affairs in the British Embassy Note No. 191 of 9 August)	11,914
NEW TOTAL	131,050

ΚΑΤΟΨΙΣ ΓΗΠΕΔΟΥ ΚΑΙ ΑΓΓΛΟ-ΓΑΛΛΙΚΟΥ ΝΕΚΡΟΤΑΦΕΙΟΥ ΕΙΣ ΝΕΟΝ ΦΑΛΗΡΟΝ
 PLAN DU TERRAIN ET DU CIMETIERE ANGLO-FRANCAIS AU NOUVEAU PHALERE



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*The Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Royal Hellenic Government to
Her Majesty's Chargé d'Affaires at Athens*

Sir,

Athens, January 12, 1966.

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your Note, dated December 17, which reads as follows:

[As in No. 1]

In answer to this Note I have the honour to inform you that the Government of Greece is willing to accept the above proposals.

I agree, therefore, that your Note of December 17, 1965 and the present reply, sent in confirmation, together with the Notes in similar terms exchanged between the Royal Hellenic Government and the Government of the French Republic, constitute an agreement in this matter, between the Royal Hellenic Government on the one part and the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the French Republic, on the other.

I avail myself, Monsieur le Chargé d'Affaires, of this opportunity to renew to you the assurance of my highest consideration.

E. TSIRIMOKOS,
Minister for Foreign Affairs.