

SOVIET-AUSTRIAN MEMORANDUM, APRIL 15, 1955

(Translation)

MEMORANDUM

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CONCERNING THE RESULTS OF THE CONVERSATIONS BETWEEN THE  
GOVERNMENT DELEGATION OF THE REPUBLIC OF AUSTRIA AND THE  
GOVERNMENT DELEGATION OF THE SOVIET UNION

I

In the course of conversations regarding the earliest conclusion of the Austrian State Treaty in Moscow from the 12th to the 15th of April 1955 agreement was reached between the Soviet and the Austrian delegations that, with regard to the declarations made by the members of the Soviet Government—the Deputy Chairman of the Council of Ministers and the Minister for Foreign Affairs of the U.S.S.R., V. M. Molotov, and the Deputy Chairman of the Council of Ministers of the U.S.S.R., A. I. Mikhoyan—Federal Chancellor Ing. Julius Raab, Vice Chancellor Dr. Adolf Schaerf, Foreign Minister Dr. h. c. Ing. Leopold Figl, State Secretary Dr. Bruno Kreisky in connection with the conclusion of the Austrian State Treaty will see to it that the following decisions and measures of the Austrian Federal Government are brought about.

1.) In the sense of the declaration already given by Austria at the conference in Berlin in 1954 to join no military alliances and to permit no military bases on its territory, the Austrian Federal Government will make a declaration in a form which will obligate Austria internationally to practice in perpetuity a neutrality of the type maintained by Switzerland.

2.) The Austrian Federal Government will submit this Austrian declaration in accordance with the terms of the Federal Constitution to the Austrian Parliament for decision immediately after ratification of the State Treaty.

3.) The Federal Government will take all suitable steps to obtain international recognition for the declaration confirmed by the Austrian Parliament.

4.) The Austrian Federal Government will welcome a guarantee by the four great powers of the inviolability and integrity of the Austrian State Territory.

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5.) The Austrian Federal Government will seek to obtain from the Governments of France, Great Britain and the United States of America such a guarantee by the four great powers.

6.) The Federal Government will, after return of German assets in the Soviet Zone of Occupation to Austria, take measures which will exclude a transfer of these assets to the possession of foreigners including juridical persons of private or public character.

Furthermore, it will see to it that no discriminating measures will be taken against the employees of the former USIA concerns, of the concerns of the former Soviet mineral oil administration, the Corporation OROP, and the DDSG.<sup>1/</sup>

## II

The Deputy Chairman [sic] of the Council of Ministers, V. M. Molotov and A. I. Mikhoyan, made the following declaration in the name of the Soviet Government with regard to the declarations of the Austrian Government delegation:

1.) The Soviet Government is prepared to sign the Austrian State Treaty without delay.

2.) The Soviet Government declares itself to be in agreement that all occupation troops of the four powers be withdrawn from Austria after the entry into force of the State Treaty, no later than on the 31st of December 1955.

3.) The Soviet Government considers Articles 6, 11, 15, 16-bis and 36 as obsolete or superfluous and is prepared to drop these Articles. It is prepared, moreover, to drop also Article 18-bis if Austria is simultaneously prepared to drop its demands against the Soviet Union for the so-called "civilian occupation costs". It will support, moreover, the Austrian Government in its efforts to attain further possible changes in the draft of the State Treaty, and will agree to such changes. However, agreement exists that the negotiations leading to the conclusion of the State Treaty between the four powers and Austria are not to be drawn out unnecessarily by proposals to change the Treaty.

4.) The Soviet Government is prepared to recognize the declaration concerning the neutrality of Austria.

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<sup>1/</sup> USIA, OROP, and DDSG refer, respectively, to the Administration of Soviet Industries in Austria, the Distribution Company for Oil Products of Austrian and Soviet Origin, and the Danube Shipping Company.

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5.) The Soviet Government is prepared to participate in a guarantee by the four powers of the inviolability and integrity of the Austrian State Territory—according to the model of Switzerland.

### III

As a result of the exchange of opinions which has taken place, the delegations have reached the following conclusions:

#### CONCERNING THE DELIVERY OF GOODS TO THE U.S.S.R. IN COMPENSATION FOR THE VALUE OF SOVIET ENTERPRISES IN AUSTRIA AS HANDED OVER IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AUSTRIAN STATE TREATY (ARTICLE 35)

1.) The Soviet Government is prepared, in the sense of its pledge given at the Conference in Berlin in 1954, to accept Austrian goods in the equivalent of 150 million American dollars provided for in Article 35 as a lump sum;

2.) The Soviet delegation takes note of the declaration of the Austrian delegation that the latter accepts as a basis the list of goods which it has received from the Soviet delegation, and in this connection specially authorized representatives of the Austrian Government will go to Moscow not later than the end of May of this year.

3.) The Soviet Delegation also takes note of the declaration of the Austrian delegation that the Austrian Government will form a special commission which will concern itself with the terminal dates and quality of the shipments of goods to the Soviet Union, and specifically in the agreed upon amounts for the lump sum of 150 million American dollars, that is 25 million American dollars annually.

4.) The Austrian delegation has declared itself prepared to guarantee to representatives of the Soviet purchaser the possibility to carry out examinations upon receipt of the goods which are destined to be delivered to the Soviet Union on account of the above-named sum. It is agreed that the delivery of the goods should be free to the Austrian border and at world market prices. The prices and the amount of goods will be agreed upon by both parties annually three months before the beginning of each year. The Austrian National Bank will issue promissory notes to guarantee the above delivery of goods for the sum of 150 million American dollars indicated in the draft of the State Treaty. The promissory notes of the Austrian National Bank will be returned according to the liquidation of the sum by the delivery of goods.

CONCERNING THE TRANSFER TO AUSTRIA OF THE OIL ENTERPRISES HELD  
BY THE U.S.S.R. IN AUSTRIA

1.) The Soviet delegation accepts the proposal of the Austrian delegation, according to which the Austrian Government in return for the oil fields and oil refineries held by the U.S.S.R. and transferred to Austria will pay the Soviet Union by delivery of crude oil to the extent of one million tons annually for a period of ten years, therefore a total of ten million tons.

The Soviet Delegation takes note of the declaration of the Austrian delegation that the Austrian Government reserves the right to carry out deliveries of the aforementioned quantity of crude oil to the Soviet Union also in shorter periods of time. The crude oil is to be delivered under the following conditions: delivered free to the Austrian border, duty and customs free.

2.) The Austrian delegation has taken note of the declaration of the Soviet delegation that the oil enterprises and oil fields transferred by the Soviet Union to Austria include also the refineries and the company for marketing oil products (OROP).

CONCERNING THE TRANSFER TO AUSTRIA OF ASSETS OF THE DANUBE  
STEAMSHIP COMPANY IN EASTERN AUSTRIA

The Soviet side transfers to Austria all properties of the Danube Steamship Company, which are located in Eastern Austria, including the shipyard in Koreneuburg, the ships and dock facilities, for which the Austrian Government will pay simultaneously with the transfer the amount of two million American dollars to the Soviet Union.

CONCERNING TRADE BETWEEN THE SOVIET UNION AND AUSTRIA

1.) Agreement was reached between the Soviet Union and Austria to conclude a trade treaty for a period of five years with an automatic extension as long as no termination of the treaty is brought about by one of the parties.

2.) Furthermore, agreement was reached that a treaty regarding the exchange of goods and payments between Austria and the Soviet Union be concluded for a period of five years, according to which the amount of goods is to be agreed upon annually.

Done in two copies, in the German and Russian languages,  
of which both texts are of equal authenticity.

In verification of the above this Memorandum is signed by

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