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REMARKS BY LORD HALIFAX ON THE SIGNING OF THE
FINANCIAL AGREEMENT
DECEMBER 6, 1945

It has been a privilege to take part in these negotiations and it is a happiness to sign the agreement which crowns our labours. These have been long and arduous. They have covered a vast and difficult territory - finance, commercial policy and Lend-Lease - but if they have been charged with a sense of the gravity and urgency of the issues, they have also been lightened by a spirit of friendship and good will among all who have had a share in them.

For we have indeed been partners in a great enterprise. We have tried together to lay the foundations of that wider trade, upon which, as we all believe, not only the prosperity but also the peace of the world will largely depend.

That was also the purpose of the assistance which the representatives of the United States have agreed to make available, and which is designed, not to enable the people of the United Kingdom to lead an easy and comfortable life, but to equip them to play their part effectively in the reconstruction of world economy. This agreement is a welcome augury for the future; for it is a message to the world that the co-operation of our countries has not ended with the end of the war, and that we mean to go forward side by side along the path of Peace.

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