

WHEREAS these essential services are voluntarily rendered to the Government of the United States and the American people by the members and volunteers of the Red Cross:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOHN F. KENNEDY, President of the United States of America and Honorary Chairman of the American National Red Cross, do hereby designate March 1962 as Red Cross Month; and I urge all Americans to honor the Red Cross during that month by supporting it as a channel of humanitarian assistance for their neighbors in need.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the United States of America to be affixed.

DONE at the City of Washington this 24th day of January in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and sixty-two, and [SEAL] of the Independence of the United States of America the one hundred and eighty-sixth.

By the President:

JOHN F. KENNEDY

GEORGE BALL,  
*Acting Secretary of State.*

### Proclamation 3447

#### EMBARGO ON ALL TRADE WITH CUBA

By the President of the United States of America  
A Proclamation

February 3, 1962

WHEREAS the Eighth Meeting of Consultation of Ministers of Foreign Affairs, Serving as Organ of Consultation in Application of the Inter-American Treaty of Reciprocal Assistance, in its Final Act resolved that the present Government of Cuba is incompatible with the principles and objectives of the Inter-American system; and, in light of the subversive offensive of Sino-Soviet Communism with which the Government of Cuba is publicly aligned, urged the member states to take those steps that they may consider appropriate for their individual and collective self-defense;

WHEREAS the Congress of the United States, in section 620(a) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (75 Stat. 445), as amended, has authorized the President to establish and maintain an embargo upon all trade between the United States and Cuba; and

WHEREAS the United States, in accordance with its international obligations, is prepared to take all necessary actions to promote national and hemispheric security by isolating the present Government of Cuba and thereby reducing the threat posed by its alignment with the communist powers:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOHN F. KENNEDY, President of the United States of America, acting under the authority of section 620(a) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (75 Stat. 445), as amended, do

1. Hereby proclaim an embargo upon trade between the United States and Cuba in accordance with paragraphs 2 and 3 of this proclamation.

2. Hereby prohibit, effective 12:01 A.M., Eastern Standard Time, February 7, 1962, the importation into the United States of all goods of Cuban origin and all goods imported from or through Cuba; and I hereby authorize and direct the Secretary of the Treasury to carry out such prohibition, to make such exceptions thereto, by license or otherwise, as he determines to be consistent with the effective operation

of the embargo hereby proclaimed, and to promulgate such rules and regulations as may be necessary to perform such functions.

3. AND FURTHER, I do hereby direct the Secretary of Commerce, under the provisions of the Export Control Act of 1949, as amended (50 U.S.C. App. 2021-2032), to continue to carry out the prohibition of all exports from the United States to Cuba, and I hereby authorize him, under that Act, to continue, make, modify or revoke exceptions from such prohibition.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the United States of America to be affixed.

DONE at the City of Washington this third day of February, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and sixty-two, and of [SEAL] the Independence of the United States of America the one hundred and eighty-sixth.

JOHN F. KENNEDY

By the President:

DEAN RUSK,  
*Secretary of State.*

### Proclamation 3448

#### IMPORTS OF SHMURAH WHEAT FLOUR FOR RELIGIOUS PURPOSES

By the President of the United States of America

#### A Proclamation

February 5, 1962

WHEREAS, pursuant to section 22 of the Agricultural Adjustment Act, as amended (7 U.S.C. 624), the President issued Proclamation No. 2489 of May 28, 1941, which was amended by Proclamation No. 2550 of April 13, 1942, and further amended by Proclamation No. 2584 of April 29, 1943, limiting the quantities of wheat and wheat flour which may be entered or withdrawn from warehouse for consumption; and

WHEREAS certain persons require Shmurah wheat flour in the observance of the Passover holiday, which begins April 19, 1962; and

WHEREAS Shmurah wheat flour is wheat flour that has been thoroughly safeguarded for ritual purposes under rabbinical supervision and which is imported into the United States for use solely for religious and ritual purposes in the making of matzos for Passover; and

WHEREAS the limitations imposed upon the importation of wheat and wheat flour by Proclamation No. 2489, as amended, were never intended to apply to Shmurah wheat flour; and

WHEREAS the estimated quantity of Shmurah wheat flour which would be imported into the United States during any one year would be so insignificant that it could not possibly render or tend to render ineffective, nor materially interfere with, the price-support program undertaken by the Department of Agriculture with respect to wheat; and

WHEREAS it is deemed advisable to clarify the scope of Proclamation No. 2489, as amended, in this respect in order to simplify the administration of the proclamation:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOHN F. KENNEDY, President of the United States of America, acting under and by virtue of the authority vested in me by section 22 of the Agricultural Adjustment Act, as amended, do hereby proclaim that the provisions of Proclamation No. 2489, as amended, shall not be deemed to apply to Shmurah wheat

63 Stat. 7.

55 Stat. (Pt. 2)  
1649.  
56 Stat. (Pt. 2)  
1950.  
57 Stat. (Pt. 2)  
738.