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**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
and  
YUGOSLAVIA**

**Exchange of notes constituting an agreement relating  
to mutual defense assistance. Belgrade, 20 and  
21 November 1950**

*Official text: English.*

*Registered by the United States of America on 10 July 1951.*

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**ÉTATS-UNIS D'AMÉRIQUE  
et  
YOUGOSLAVIE**

**Échange de notes constituant un accord relatif à l'aide pour  
la défense mutuelle. Belgrade, 20 et 21 novembre 1950**

*Texte officiel anglais.*

*Enregistré par les États-Unis d'Amérique le 10 juillet 1951.*

No. 1286. EXCHANGE OF NOTES CONSTITUTING AN AGREEMENT<sup>1</sup> BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND YUGOSLAVIA RELATING TO MUTUAL DEFENSE ASSISTANCE. BELGRADE, 20 AND 21 NOVEMBER 1950

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*The American Ambassador to the Yugoslav Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs*

November 20, 1950

Dear Mr. Minister :

I have the honor to refer to the request submitted to the Secretary of State of the Government of the United States on October 20, 1950 by the Ambassador of the Federal People's Republic of Yugoslavia<sup>2</sup> for assistance to meet the emergency in Yugoslavia resulting from the recent drought. Particular reference is made to that part of your country's shortages which affects the continued ability of your Government to support the food requirements of its military forces. It is understood that the drought prevailing in Yugoslavia and the consequent shortage of food is so drastic as to seriously impair the ability of your Government to defend itself against aggression. Our two Governments are both desirous of fostering international peace and security within the framework of the Charter of the United Nations<sup>3</sup> through measures which will further the ability of nations dedicated to the purposes and principles of the Charter to participate effectively in arrangements for individual and collective self-defense in support of those purposes and principles. Accordingly, I am pleased to inform you that my Government is prepared, pursuant to the provisions of Public Law 329, 81st Congress,<sup>4</sup> as amended, to supply assistance in aid of food requirements of the armed forces of your Government on the following mutually agreed basis that (1) your Government will use the assistance exclusively for the purpose for which it is furnished, namely, in furtherance of the purposes of the Charter of the United Nations, to prevent

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<sup>1</sup> Came into force on 21 November 1950, by the exchange of the said notes.

<sup>2</sup> Not printed by the Department of State of the United States of America.

<sup>3</sup> United States : *Treaty Series* 993; 59 Stat., Pt. 2, p. 1031.

<sup>4</sup> United States : 63 Stat., Pt. 1, p. 714.

the weakening of the defenses of the Federal People's Republic of Yugoslavia; (2) that your Government agrees not to transfer to any other nation the assistance furnished pursuant to this agreement without the prior consent of this Government; (3) that your Government will provide the United States with reciprocal assistance by continuing to facilitate the production and transfer to the United States, in such quantities and upon such terms and conditions as may be agreed on, of raw and semi-processed materials required by the United States as a result of deficiencies or potential deficiencies in its own resources, and which may be available in Yugoslavia. Arrangements for such transfers shall give due regard to requirements for domestic use and commercial export of Yugoslavia; (4) that your Government is prepared to make available to the Government of the United States of America dinars for the use of the United States of America for any administrative expenditures within Yugoslavia in connection with assistance furnished by the United States of America to Yugoslavia arising out of this agreement. Our two Governments will at the appropriate time initiate discussion with a view to determining the amount of such dinars and to agree upon arrangements for the furnishing of such dinars.

I have the honor to propose that this note, together with the reply of the Government of Yugoslavia giving these assurances, constitute an agreement, effective on the date of your reply.

I take this occasion, Mr. Minister, to renew the assurances of my highest consideration.

George V. ALLEN

Dr. Leo Mates  
Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs  
Ministry of Foreign Affairs  
Belgrade

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*The Yugoslav Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs to the American Ambassador*

November 21, 1950

Dear Mr. Ambassador,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your Note dated November 20, 1950 which reads as follows :

[See note I]

I have the honour to inform you that the Government of the Federal People's Republic of Yugoslavia is in full agreement with the above text, and take this occasion, Mr. Ambassador, to renew the assurances of my highest consideration.

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Mr. George Allen  
United States Ambassador  
Embassy of the United States  
Beograd