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**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
and  
IRAN**

**Exchange of notes constituting an agreement relating to mutual  
defense assistance. Washington, 23 May 1950**

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**ÉTATS-UNIS D'AMÉRIQUE  
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**Echange de notes constituant un accord relatif à l'aide pour la  
défense mutuelle. Washington, 23 mai 1950**

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No. 1057. EXCHANGE OF NOTES CONSTITUTING AN AGREEMENT<sup>1</sup> BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND IRAN RELATING TO MUTUAL DEFENSE ASSISTANCE. WASHINGTON, 23 MAY 1950

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*The Acting Secretary of State to the Iranian Chargé d'Affaires ad interim*

DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
WASHINGTON

May 23, 1950

Sir:

I refer to the conversations which have recently taken place between the representatives of our two Governments concerning the transfer of military assistance by the Government of the United States of America to the Government of Iran pursuant to Public Law 329, Eighty-first Congress<sup>2</sup> of the United States of America, and to confirm the understandings reached as a result of those conversations as follows:

1. The Government of the United States of America, recognizing this principle that economic recovery is essential to international peace and security and must be given clear priority, undertakes to make or continue to make available to the Government of Iran on a grant basis such equipment, materials and services as the Government of the United States of America may authorize. The furnishing of any such assistance as may be authorized pursuant hereto shall be consistent with the Charter of the United Nations and shall be subject to all of the applicable terms and conditions and termination provisions of the Mutual Defense Assistance Act of 1949<sup>2</sup> and such other applicable laws of the United States of America relating to the transfer of military assistance. The two governments will, from time to time, negotiate detailed arrangements necessary to carry out the provisions of this paragraph.

2. The Government of Iran undertakes to make effective use of assistance received pursuant to paragraph 1 for the purposes for which such assistance was furnished and will not devote such assistance to purposes other than those for which it was furnished in accordance with these understandings.

<sup>1</sup> Came into force on 23 May 1950, by the exchange of the said notes.

<sup>2</sup> United States of America: 63 Stat. 714.

3. In the common security interest of both governments, the Government of Iran undertakes not to transfer to any person not an officer or agent of such government or to any other nation title to or possession of any equipment, materials or services received on a grant basis pursuant to paragraph 1, without the prior consent of the Government of the United States of America.

4. The Government of Iran, after giving due consideration to reasonable requirements for domestic use and commercial export of Iran, which are to be determined by the Iranian Government itself, agrees to facilitate the production, transport, export and transfer to the Government of the United States of America, for such period of time, in such quantities and upon such terms and conditions as to the value, method of payment, et cetera, as may be agreed upon, of raw and semi-processed materials required by the United States of America as a result of deficiencies or potential deficiencies in its own resources, and which may be available in Iran.

5. (A) The Government of Iran will take appropriate measures which are not inconsistent with security and the interests of the country to keep the public informed of operations pursuant to these understandings.

(B) Each government will take such security measures as may be agreed in each case between the two governments in order to prevent the disclosure or compromise of materials, services or information furnished by the other government pursuant to these understandings.

6. The Government of Iran, except as may otherwise be agreed between the two governments, shall grant duty-free treatment and exemption from internal taxation on importation or exportation to products, property, materials or equipment imported into its territory in connection with this understanding.

7. The Government of Iran agrees to receive technical personnel of the Government of the United States of America who will discharge in its territory the responsibilities of the Government of the United States of America for implementing the provisions of these understandings and to accord them necessary facilities to observe the progress of assistance furnished pursuant thereto.

8. The two governments will, upon request to either of them, negotiate appropriate arrangements between them respecting responsibility for patent or similar claims based on the use of devices, processes, technological information or other forms of property protected by law in connection with equipment, material or services furnished pursuant to paragraph 1. In such negotiations, this point shall be considered: that each government will assume the responsibility for all such claims of its nationals and such claims arising in its jurisdiction of nationals of any third country.

9. The two governments will, upon the request of either of them, consult regarding any matter relating to the application of these understandings or to

operations or arrangements carried out pursuant to these understandings.

10. Nothing herein shall be construed to alter, amend or otherwise modify the agreements between the United States of America and Iran, signed at Tehran November 27, 1943,<sup>1</sup> and October 6, 1947,<sup>2</sup> as amended or extended.<sup>3</sup>

I propose that, if these understandings meet with the approval of the Government of Iran, this note and your note concurring therein will be considered as confirming these understandings, effective on the date of your note and thereafter until one year after the date of receipt by either Government of a notification in writing of the intention of the other Government to terminate these understandings.

Accept, Sir, the renewed assurances of my high consideration.

James E. WEBB

Acting Secretary of State  
of the United States of America

Mr. Gholam Abbas Aram  
Chargé d'Affaires ad interim of Iran

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<sup>1</sup> United Nations, *Treaty Series*, Vol. 31, p. 451.

<sup>2</sup> United Nations, *Treaty Series*, Vol. 11, p. 303.

<sup>3</sup> United Nations, *Treaty Series*, Vol. 30, p. 339.

## II

*The Iranian Chargé d'Affaires ad interim to the Acting Secretary of State*

IRANIAN EMBASSY  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

May 23, 1950

Excellency,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Your Excellency's note dated May 23, 1950 and, upon the instructions of my Government, to draw your attention to the conversations which have recently taken place between the representatives of our two Governments concerning the transfer of military assistance by the Government of the United States of America to the Government of Iran pursuant to Public Law 329, 81st Congress of the United States of America and to confirm the understandings reached as a result of those conversations as follows:

[See note I]

I have the honor to concur in the proposals made in your note and to inform you that the understandings set forth therein meet with the approval of the Government of Iran. That note and the present note, accordingly, are considered as confirming these understandings, effective on this date and thereafter until one year after the date of receipt by either Government of a notification in writing of the intention of the other Government to terminate these understandings.

I avail myself of this opportunity to renew to Your Excellency the assurances of my highest consideration.

G. A. ARAM  
Chargé d'Affaires ad Interim of Iran

His Excellency James E. Webb  
Acting Secretary of State of the  
United States of America  
Washington, D. C.