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**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
and
BURMA**

Exchange of notes constituting an agreement relating to the furnishing of certain vessels and associated spares and equipment to the Government of Burma by the Government of the United States of America. Rangoon, 7 October and 6 November 1950

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No. 1638. EXCHANGE OF NOTES CONSTITUTING AN AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND BURMA RELATING TO THE FURNISHING OF CERTAIN VESSELS AND ASSOCIATED SPARES AND EQUIPMENT TO THE GOVERNMENT OF BURMA BY THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. RANGOON, 7 OCTOBER AND 6 NOVEMBER 1950

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*The American Ambassador to the Burmese Minister for
Foreign Affairs*

AMERICAN EMBASSY

Rangoon, October 7, 1950

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Sir :

I have the honor to refer to conversations which have recently taken place between representatives of our two Governments concerning the furnishing of certain vessels and associated spares and equipment by the Government of the United States of America, and the receipt of such assistance by the Government of Burma, and to confirm the understandings reached as a result of those conversations as follows :

The Governments of the United States of America and Burma :

Desiring to foster international peace and security, within the framework of the Charter of the United Nations, through measures which will further the ability of nations dedicated to the purposes and principles of the Charter to develop effective measures in support of those purposes and principles;

Taking cognizance of the assistance which the Government of the United Kingdom and the countries of the British Commonwealth have provided to the Government of Burma and in recognition of the fact that this assistance to Burma by the United States of America is only complementary to that afforded by the United Kingdom and other countries of the British Commonwealth;

¹ Came into force on 6 November 1950 by the exchange of the said notes.

Have agreed that, in connection with the furnishing of such vessels and associated spares and equipment as the Government of the United States of America may make available :

1. The Government of Burma will receive within its territory such personnel of the United States of America as may be required to facilitate transfer of such vessels and to be available for supplying technical information to the Government of Burma in connection with putting such vessels into operation.
2. Personnel so received will in their relations to the Government of the country to which they are assigned, operate as part of the Embassy under the direction and control of the Chief of the diplomatic mission of the Government which they are serving.
3. The Government of Burma undertakes :
 - (A) to retain title to and full possession and control of such vessels and associated spares and equipment and not to dispose of title to or possession and control of such vessels, associated spares and equipment without the prior consent of the Government of the United States of America;
 - (B) To take appropriate action to prevent the disclosure or compromise of confidential articles, services or information furnished by the United States of America;
 - (C) To make available to the Government of the United States of America an amount of rupees to be subsequently agreed upon toward the payment of such administrative and operating expenses as may be incurred by the United States of America in Burma, in connection with the transfer of such vessels and associated spares and equipment; and
 - (D) To use effectively such assistance only for the purposes of strengthening the security forces of the Union of Burma.

I have the honor to propose that, if these understandings meet with the approval of the Government of Burma, the present note and your note concurring therein will be considered as confirming those understandings effective on the date of your note.

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

David McK. KEY

The Honorable Sao Hkun Hkio
Minister for Foreign Affairs
Rangoon

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The Burmese Acting Minister for Foreign Affairs to the American Ambassador

FOREIGN OFFICE
RANGOON

6th November, 1950

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Your Excellency,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Excellency's note of October 7, 1950, regarding the furnishing of certain vessels and associated spares and equipment to the Government of Burma by the Government of the United States of America, which reads as follows :

[*See note I*]

I have the honour to concur in the proposal made in your Excellency's note and to inform you that the understandings set forth therein meet with the approval of the Government of Burma. That note and the present note, accordingly, are considered as confirming those understandings, which become effective on this date.

I have the honour to be,

With the highest consideration,

Your Excellency's obedient servant,

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His Excellency Mr. David McKendree Key
Ambassador for the United States of America in Burma
American Embassy
Rangoon
