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No. 2204. EXCHANGE OF NOTES CONSTITUTING AN AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND LIBERIA RELATING TO MUTUAL DEFENSE ASSISTANCE. WASHINGTON, 16 AND 19 NOVEMBER 1951

I

The Acting Secretary of State to the Liberian Ambassador

DEPARTMENT OF STATE
WASHINGTON

Nov. 16, 1951

Excellency :

I have the honor to inform Your Excellency that the Government of Liberia has been declared eligible to receive from the Government of the United States of America reimbursable military assistance under the provisions of Section 408 (e) of the Mutual Defense Assistance Act of 1949 (Public Law 329, 81st Congress),² as amended by Public Law 621, 81st Congress,³ and by the Mutual Security Act of 1951 (Public Law 165, 82nd Congress).⁴ The provisions of these laws and the policy of the United States Government require that certain assurances be received before completing any transactions under Section 408 (e) of the Act.

It is the understanding of the United States Government that the Government of Liberia is prepared to accept the following undertakings :

1. The Government of Liberia agrees to use any assistance furnished under the Mutual Defense Assistance Act of 1949, as amended, to further the policies and purposes of that Act which are 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 principles and purposes of the Charter to participate effectively in arrangements for individual

¹ Came into force on 19 November 1951, by the exchange of the said notes.

² United States of America, *63 Stat.* 720.

³ United States of America, *64 Stat.* 376.

⁴ United States of America, *65 Stat.* 373.

and collective self-defense in support of those purposes and principles. The Government of Liberia further agrees to furnish equipment and materials, services, or other assistance, consistent with the Charter of the United Nations, to the United States or to and among other nations eligible for assistance under the Mutual Defense Assistance Act to further the policies and purposes of this Act, as set forth above, and as may be mutually agreed hereafter.

2. The Government of Liberia is prepared to assure the United States Government that such equipment, materials, or services as may be acquired from the United States under the provisions of Section 408 (e) of the Mutual Defense Assistance Act of 1949, as amended, are required for and will be used solely to maintain its internal security, its legitimate self-defense, or to permit it to participate in the defense of the area of which it is a part, or in United Nations collective security arrangements and measures, and that it will not undertake any act of aggression against any other state.

3. The Government of Liberia will not relinquish title to or possession of any equipment and materials, information or services furnished under Section 408 (e) of the Mutual Defense Assistance Act, as amended, without the consent of the United States Government.

4. The Government of Liberia will protect the security of any article, service or information furnished under Section 408 (e) of the Mutual Defense Assistance Act of 1949, as amended.

5. The Government of Liberia understands that, prior to the transfer of any item or the rendering of any service under this Act, the United States Government retains the right to terminate the transaction.

6. The Government of Liberia is prepared to accept terms and conditions of payment for any item or service which may be furnished under the Mutual Defense Assistance Act of 1949, as amended, which are in accord with the provisions of Section 408 (e) (2) of this Act.

I have the honor to propose that this note, together with your reply confirming these assurances, constitute an agreement between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of Liberia, effective on the date of your note.

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

James E. WEBB

His Excellency Charles D. B. King
Ambassador of Liberia

II

The Liberian Ambassador to the Acting Secretary of State

EMBASSY OF LIBERIA

WASHINGTON

November 19, 1951

Mr. Secretary :

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Your Excellency's note dated November 16, 1951, conveying the happy information that the Government of Liberia has been declared eligible to receive from the Government of the United States of America reimbursable military assistance under the provisions of Section 408 (e) of the Mutual Defense Assistance Act of 1949 (Public Law 329, 81st Congress), as amended by Public Law 621, 81st Congress, and by the Mutual Security Act of 1951 (Public Law 165, 82nd Congress); and that the provisions of these laws and the policy of the United States Government require that certain assurances be received before completing any transactions under Section 408 (e) of the Act.

In I reply have the honor to state that having telegraphically communicated to my Government, in Monrovia, the full text of Your Excellency's note, I have been instructed to convey to the American Government through you, the grateful appreciation of the Government of Liberia for having been declared eligible to receive from the Government of the United States of America reimbursable military assistance under the provisions of Section 408 (e) of the Mutual Defense Assistance Act of 1949 (Public Law 329, 81st Congress) as amended by Public Law 621, 81st Congress, and by the Mutual Security Act of 1951 (Public Law 165, 82nd Congress), with the understanding that the Government of Liberia is prepared to accept the undertakings specifically mentioned and numerically set out in Your Excellency's note.

I am further instructed to make known to Your Excellency the acceptance of the Government of Liberia of the undertakings specifically mentioned and numerically set out in Your Excellency's note, and to assure the Government of the United States of America, of its strict observance of and complete compliance with said undertakings, as long as it is receiving from the Government of the United States of America reimbursable military assistance under the provisions of Section 408 (e) of the Mutual Defense Act of 1949.

Your Excellency's suggestion that your note, together with my reply covering the assurances required, constitute an agreement between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of Liberia, effective on the date of my reply to your note, meets with the approval of my Government.

Therefore, in this sense, my reply to Your Excellency's note is to be so regarded.

Please accept, Mr. Secretary, the renewed assurances of my highest esteem and consideration.

C. D. B. KING
Ambassador

His Excellency
The Acting Secretary of State
Washington, D. C.