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The Prime Minister and Minister of External Affairs of Ceylon to the High Commission for Australia in Ceylon

MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
SENATE BUILDING, COLOMBO, CEYLON

No. POL/7/11

27th October, 1953

Your Excellency,

I have the honour to refer to correspondence which has taken place between your office and the Ministry of External Affairs regarding the exchange of official publications between the Government of Australia and the Government of Ceylon, and to propose that the following arrangements should govern this exchange :

1. Each Government shall supply regularly one copy of each of the publications as shown on selected lists exchanged by the two Governments. Alterations to these lists may be made from time to time as necessary.
2. The official agency for the transmission of Ceylon documents shall be the Ceylon Government Printer, and of most Australian documents shall be the Commonwealth Government Printing Office. In other cases, publications will be transmitted by the issuing Departments.
3. The Official agency for the receipt of Australian documents shall be the Ceylon Information Department, and of Ceylon documents the Commonwealth National Library, Canberra, A.C.T.
4. Future correspondence relating to the supply of publications under this agreement shall be conducted between the Ceylon Information Department and the Commonwealth National Library.

¹ Came into force on 7 November 1953 by the exchange of the said notes,

5. The present agreement does not obligate either Government to furnish the other with documents which are confidential or not of a public character.
6. Each Government shall bear all costs and charges connected with the transmission to the other of its own publications under this agreement.
7. The present agreement shall not be construed as modifying any existing exchange arrangement between departments or agencies of either government.

If the arrangements proposed above are acceptable to you, I have the honour to suggest that this Note and Your Excellency's reply shall be regarded as constituting an agreement between our two Governments.

I have the honour to be, Your Excellency's obedient servant,

(Signed) J. KOTELAWALA
Prime Minister and Minister
of External Affairs

His Excellency the High Commissioner for Australia in Ceylon
Colombo

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*The High Commissioner for Australia in Ceylon to the Prime Minister and Minister
of External Affairs of Ceylon*

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7th November, 1953

My dear Prime Minister,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your Note of 27th October (No. POL/7/11) relating to the exchange of official publications between the Government of Australia and the Government of Ceylon.

The arrangements proposed in your Note in paragraphs numbered 1-7 inclusive are agreeable to the Government of Australia, which also concurs with your suggestion that your Note above-mentioned and this one of mine shall be regarded as constituting an Agreement between our two Governments.

I have the honour to be, Sir, with the highest consideration, your most obedient servant,

(Signed) A. R. CUTLER
High Commissioner for Australia

The Hon. Sir John Kotelawala
Prime Minister and Minister of External Affairs
Colombo