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I

The American Ambassador to the Greek Minister of Foreign Affairs

AMERICAN EMBASSY

No. 372

Athens, May 27, 1955

Excellency :

I have the honor to refer to recent discussions between representatives of our two Governments concerning a special program of facilities assistance by the Government of the United States to the Government of Greece to be carried out in accordance with the principles and conditions set forth in the exchange of notes dated July 30, 1954,² and such other applicable agreements as may be in force between our two Governments. The purpose of this program is to increase the capacity of Greece to produce, maintain or repair ammunition and ammunition components, such increased capacity being urgently needed for the mutual defense of the North Atlantic Treaty³ countries.

As a result of these discussions, the following understandings were arrived at :

- (1) The Government of Greece undertakes that in connection with the facilities assistance to be furnished by the United States :
- (a) It will not discriminate in the sale of ammunition and ammunition components produced, maintained or repaired in facilities for which the Government of the United States has provided assistance, or in the charges for services in connection therewith, against any other North Atlantic Treaty country in terms of the price charged, the quality made available, or delivery dates.

¹ Came into force on 27 May 1955 by the exchange of the said notes.

² United Nations, *Treaty Series*, Vol. 234, p. 43, and p. 410 of this volume.

³ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, Vol. 34, p. 243; Vol. 126, p. 350, and Vol. 243.

- (b) It will maintain the additional facilities made available through United States assistance so that they will be in a condition to produce, maintain or repair ammunition and ammunition components promptly when they may be required; but pending such time, equipment furnished by the United States and such additional facilities may be used for other purposes, provided such use will not interfere with the ready availability of such equipment and facilities for the production, maintenance or repair of ammunition and ammunition components.
- (c) It will furnish all of the land, buildings, equipment, materials and services required for the additional facilities, except for the equipment and technical advice to be furnished by the Government of the United States, and will take whatever measures are required to accomplish the increase in facilities envisaged in the program.

(2) It is mutually understood that the appropriation of funds by the United States Congress for the Facilities Assistance Program was for the purpose of assisting in the creation of a net addition to European ammunition and ammunition components production, maintenance or repair capacity. In furtherance of this purpose, the Government of Greece undertakes that, in addition to the new facilities provided for hereunder, it will maintain or cause to be maintained in useable condition a total capacity for the production, maintenance or repair of ammunition and ammunition components, which shall be not less than the aggregate of that now existing and that already programmed for construction in Greece, whether under private or public ownership.

(3) The undertakings in paragraph 1 (b) and in paragraph 2 with respect to the maintenance of facilities are subject to the understanding that should changed conditions make continued compliance with these undertakings either unnecessary as a matter of defense or infeasible, the Government of Greece may, after consultation with the Government of the United States, modify these undertakings to accord with such changed conditions.

(4) The Government of the United States will, subject to the terms and conditions of any applicable United States legislation, furnish to the Government of Greece such production, maintenance or repair equipment and technical advice as may be mutually arranged as provided in paragraph (5) hereof.

(5) In carrying out the facilities assistance program, our two Governments, acting through their appropriate contracting officers, will enter into supplementary arrangements covering the specific projects involved, which will set forth the nature and amounts of the contributions to be made by the Government of the United States and the Government of Greece, the description and purpose of the facilities to be established, and other appropriate details. Such arrangements may include provisions for the procurement of equipment to be furnished by the United States Government from the Government of Greece under the offshore procurement program, and the transfer of such equipment to the Government of Greece.

I propose that if these understandings meet with the approval of the Government of Greece, the present note and your Excellency's note in reply shall be considered as constituting a confirmation of these arrangements.

Please accept, Excellency, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

Cavendish W. CANNON

His Excellency Stephan Stephanopoulos
Minister of Foreign Affairs

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The Greek Minister of Foreign Affairs to the American Ambassador

MINISTÈRE ROYAL DES AFFAIRES ÉTRANGÈRES¹

N° 1804

Athens, May 27, 1955

Excellency :

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your note N° 372 of May 27, 1955, concerning a special program of Facilities Assistance to be carried out in accordance with the principles and conditions set forth in our exchange of notes dated July 30, 1954, and such other applicable agreements as may be in force between our two Governments.

I have the honour to confirm that the understandings and procedures set forth in your Note N° 372 of May 27, 1955, are acceptable to the Royal Government.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

STEPHANOPOULOS

His Excellency Cavendish W. Cannon
Ambassador of the United States

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