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**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
and
NORWAY**

**Exchange of notes constituting an agreement relating to the
status of the United States Military Assistance Advisory
Group to Norway. Oslo, 13 April 1954**

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**ÉTATS-UNIS D'AMÉRIQUE
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**Échange de notes constituant un accord relatif au statut du
Groupe consultatif américain d'assistance militaire à la
Norvège. Oslo, 13 avril 1954**

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No. 3169. EXCHANGE OF NOTES CONSTITUTING AN AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND NORWAY RELATING TO THE STATUS OF THE UNITED STATES MILITARY ASSISTANCE ADVISORY GROUP TO NORWAY. OSLO, 13 APRIL 1954

I

The Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs to the American Embassy

MINISTÈRE ROYAL DES AFFAIRES ÉTRANGÈRES

The Royal Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs has the honour to draw the attention of the Embassy of the United States of America to the fact that the Agreement between the Parties to the North Atlantic Treaty regarding the Status of their Forces, signed in London on the 19th June, 1951,² came into effect between Norway and the United States on the 23rd August, 1953.

This Agreement applies to forces of one Party when sent, by arrangement, to serve in the territory of another Party. According to Article I, 1 (a), two Contracting Parties may, however, agree that certain individuals, units, or formations shall not be regarded as constituting or included in a "force" for the purposes of the Agreement.

The status of the Military Assistance Advisory Group, attached to the Embassy of the United States of America, is at present determined by the Mutual Defense Assistance Agreement, signed on the 27th January, 1950,³ and the Norwegian authorities are of the opinion that this position should be maintained.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs would therefore propose that the Military Assistance Advisory Group should not be regarded as constituting or included in a "force", and that the Status of Forces Agreement should not have any influence as far as this group is concerned.

It is suggested that, if acceptable to the United States Government, this note together with the Embassy's reply constitute an affirmation of agreement between our two Governments that personnel of the Military Assistance Advisory Group

¹ Came into force on 13 April 1954 by the exchange of the said notes.

² United Nations, *Treaty Series*, Vol. 199, p. 67, and Vol. 200, p. 340.

³ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, Vol. 80, p. 241; Vol. 157, p. 366; Vol. 178, p. 388, and Vol. 223, p. 324.

do not constitute a "force" for the purpose of paragraph 1 (a) of Article I of the Agreement between the Parties to the North Atlantic Treaty regarding the status of their forces.

Oslo, 13th April, 1954

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To the Embassy of the United States of America
Oslo

II

The American Embassy to the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs

THE FOREIGN SERVICE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

No. 280

The Embassy of the United States of America has the honor to acknowledge the Note of the Royal Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs dated April 13, 1954, concerning the status of the Military Assistance Advisory Group with reference to Article I, 1 (a) of the Agreement between the Parties to the North Atlantic Treaty regarding the Status of their Forces.

The United States Government agrees that the Military Assistance Advisory Group should not be regarded as constituting or included in a "force" for the purposes of the Agreement, and that the Status of Forces Agreement should not have any influence so far as this Group is concerned.

The Embassy considers that the Note of the Royal Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, dated April 13, 1954, together with this Note, constitute an affirmation of agreement between our two governments that personnel of the Military Assistance Advisory Group do not constitute a "force" for the purpose of paragraph 1 (a) of Article I of the Agreement between the Parties to the North Atlantic Treaty regarding the Status of their Forces.

Oslo, April 13, 1954

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