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**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
and
BURMA**

Exchange of notes constituting an agreement relating to technical services to Burma in exchange for kyat funds to be used for purchase of certain commodities. Rangoon, 30 June 1956

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**ÉTATS-UNIS D'AMÉRIQUE
et
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No. 4070. EXCHANGE OF NOTES CONSTITUTING AN AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND BURMA RELATING TO TECHNICAL SERVICES TO BURMA IN EXCHANGE FOR KYAT FUNDS TO BE USED FOR PURCHASE OF CERTAIN COMMODITIES. RANGOON, 30 JUNE 1956

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The American Chargé d'Affaires ad interim to the Burmese Permanent Secretary of the Foreign Office

AMERICAN EMBASSY

No. 929

Rangoon, June 30, 1956

Sir :

I have the honor to refer to recent conversations between representatives of our two Governments concerning the desire of the Government of the Union of Burma to purchase certain technical services from the Government of the United States. I am pleased to inform you that my Government has authorized me to propose that the two Governments agree upon the following terms and conditions under which the Government of the United States would provide funds with which to purchase such services in exchange for kyat funds to be used for the purchase of certain commodities in the Union of Burma.

1. The Government of the United States will provide funds not exceeding \$1,100,000 (one million one hundred thousand dollars) to pay during the period ending June 30, 1958 for the technical services of American technicians and for purposes of State Scholars and trainees stipulated in paragraph 5 below.

2. The technicians will be engaged by the Government of the Union of Burma on the basis of specific contracts to be entered into by the Government of the Union of Burma with the individual technicians or with commercial firms or universities for groups of technicians.

3. In accordance with subsidiary procedural arrangements

(a) the Government of the United States will upon receipt of a request from the Government of the Union of Burma make dollar payments to the technician or firm or university as called for in the contract, such payments to be made under a letter of commitment to be issued by the Government of the United States to the supplier of the technical services; or

¹ Came into force on 30 June 1956 by the exchange of the said notes.

(b) the Government of the Union of Burma may, if it prefers, itself make the dollar payments called for under the contract, in which case the Government of the United States will reimburse the Government of the Union of Burma for such expenditures upon the latter's request.

4. It is the intention of the Government of the Union of Burma to use part of the funds to be provided under paragraph 1, above, to employ the services of American technicians obtained under the foregoing procedure in the specific fields of activity which, together with the estimated dollar costs in each field to be paid by the Government of the United States, are listed in this paragraph. The two Governments may in subsidiary arrangements agree to modifications of this list upon the basis of the availability of suitable technicians and such considerations as feasibility, desirable priority, or relative magnitude of projects within these fields of activity for which the services of American technicians are to be sought :

FOREIGN TECHNICIAN REQUIREMENTS

Ministry of National Planning

(1) Transportation	}	\$ 564, 000
(2) Regional Development Planning		
(3) Hydrology		
(4) Field Engineering		
(5) Irrigation Engineering		
(6) Agricultural Economics		
(7) Industrial Economics		
(8) Social Services Analyses		
(9) Market Intelligence		

Ministry of Mines

(1) Lecturers on Mining Subjects	}	\$ 96, 000
(2) Diamond Drilling		
(3) Industrial Engineering		

Ministry of Industry

(1) Cellulose and Paper	}	\$ 100, 000
(2) Standards and Specifications		
(3) Pharmaceutical Chemistry		

Ministry of Trade Development

(1) Rice Milling	\$ 60, 000
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Ministry of Agriculture and Forests

(1) Timber Products Marketing Analysis	\$ 60, 000
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ESTIMATED TOTAL COST for two-year period of salaries, overhead, travel, and incidental expenses	<u>\$ 880, 000</u>
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5. It is likewise the intention of the Government of the Union of Burma to use \$220,000 (two hundred twenty thousand dollars) from the funds to be provided under paragraph 1, above, for education, to wit : to pay dollar expenses of State Scholars or

trainees whom the Government of the Union of Burma may desire to send to the United States for study/training in some or all of the following fields :

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| (1) Architecture | (20) Motion Picture Photography |
| (2) Aeronautical Engineering | (21) Mechanical Engineering |
| (3) City Planning | (22) Naval Architecture |
| (4) Civil Engineering | (23) Nuclear Physics |
| (5) Chemical Engineering | (24) Nuclear Engineering |
| (6) Ceramics Engineering | (25) Nuclear Chemistry |
| (7) Electrical Engineering | (26) Pulp and Paper Technology |
| (8) Electronics | (27) Pharmaceutical Engineering |
| (9) Geology | (28) Rubber Technology |
| (10) Geophysics | (29) Sanitary Engineering |
| (11) Hydraulics | (30) Surgery |
| (12) Industrial Engineering and Management | (31) Sugar Technology |
| (13) Industrial Engineering | (32) Sugar Chemistry |
| (14) Metallurgical Engineering | (33) Sound Technology |
| (15) Management Engineering | (34) Textile Engineering |
| (16) Metallurgy | (35) Textile Chemistry |
| (17) Mining Engineering | (36) Workshop Engineering |
| (18) Mineral Technology | (37) Wireless Engineering |
| (19) Marine Engineering | |

Any portion of the \$220,000 mentioned above not used for the purpose stated may be used for employing the services of American technicians in the fields specified in paragraph 4 above.

6. Upon notification by the Government of the United States that it has made dollar disbursements for technical services, the Government of the Union of Burma will thereupon deposit kyats to the account of the Government of the United States. The amount of Burmese kyats to be deposited to the account of the Government of the United States shall be the dollar value of the disbursement converted into Burmese kyats at the selling rate for United States dollars generally applicable to commercial transactions (excluding transactions granted a preferential rate) prevailing on the last day of the disbursement period covered by the notification. The two Governments will arrange for advance deposits of such kyats.

7. The Government of the United States will use such kyats for the purchase for export of Burmese rice at prevailing export prices for government sales.

8. Procedures for dollar disbursements and kyat deposits related to dollar expenses of State Scholars and trainees in the United States shall be those described in the foregoing paragraphs except that the letter of commitment procedure will not apply to payments to be made to individual State Scholars or trainees.

I have the honor to propose that if these terms and conditions meet with the approval of the Government of the Union of Burma the present note and

your note in reply be considered as constituting the agreement of our two Governments on these arrangements which will enter into force on the date of receipt of your note in reply.

Please accept, Sir, the renewed assurances of my high consideration.

Daniel M. BRADDOCK
Chargé d'Affaires ad interim

Maha Thray Sithu Mr. James Barrington
Permanent Secretary
Foreign Office
Rangoon

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*The Burmese Permanent Secretary of the Foreign Office to the American Chargé
d'Affaires ad interim*

FOREIGN OFFICE
RANGOON

30th June 1956

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Note of to-day's date which reads as follows :

[*See note I*]

I have the honour to inform you that the terms and conditions set out in your above Note meet with the approval of the Government of the Union of Burma and that your Note, together with this reply, should be considered as constituting an Agreement between the two Governments on these arrangements which will enter into force on this day's date.

Please accept, Sir, the renewed assurance of my high consideration.

J. BARRINGTON
Permanent Secretary
Foreign Office

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