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**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
and  
CEYLON**

**Exchange of notes constituting an agreement relating to the purchase of certain military equipment, materials and services. Washington, 25 October and 2 November 1956**

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**ÉTATS-UNIS D'AMÉRIQUE  
et  
CEYLAN**

**Échange de notes constituant un accord relatif à l'achat d'équipement, de matériel et de services de caractère militaire. Washington, 25 octobre et 2 novembre 1956**

*Texte officiel anglais.*

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No. 4094. EXCHANGE OF NOTES CONSTITUTING AN AGREEMENT<sup>1</sup> BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND CEYLON RELATING TO THE PURCHASE OF CERTAIN MILITARY EQUIPMENT, MATERIALS AND SERVICES. WASHINGTON, 25 OCTOBER AND 2 NOVEMBER 1956

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*The Secretary of State to the Ambassador of Ceylon*

DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
WASHINGTON

October 25 1956

Excellency :

I have the honor to address Your Excellency concerning the request of the Government of Ceylon for the purchase of certain military equipment, materials and services from the Government of the United States of America. There are certain assurances and undertakings by the Government of Ceylon which the Government of the United States of America must obtain before completing any such transaction.

The Government of the United States of America understands that items or services requested from the Government of the United States of America are required by the Government of Ceylon to maintain its internal security or legitimate self-defense and will not be used for any other purposes, and that Ceylon, in accordance with the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations, will not undertake any act of aggression against any other state.

The Government of the United States of America understands also that the Government of Ceylon will obtain the consent of the Government of the United States of America prior to the transfer of title to or possession of any equipment, materials, information, or services furnished, will take appropriate measures to protect the security of any article, service, or information furnished, and agrees to the Government of the United States of America's retaining the privilege of diverting items of equipment or of not completing services or transactions undertaken if such action is dictated by considerations of United States national interest.

Finally, the Government of the United States of America understands that the Government of Ceylon is prepared to accept terms and conditions of payment

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<sup>1</sup> Came into force on 2 November 1956 by the exchange of the said notes.

for the items and services transferred, to be agreed upon between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of Ceylon, which are customary in such transactions.

A reply to the effect that these understandings are correct will be considered as constituting an agreement between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of Ceylon, which shall come into force on the date of the note in reply from the Government of Ceylon.

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

For the Secretary of State :  
William M. ROUNTREE

His Excellency Senarat Gunewardene  
Ambassador of Ceylon

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### *The Ambassador of Ceylon to the Secretary of State*

EMBASSY OF CEYLON  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

2nd November, 1956

Mr. Secretary :

I have the honour to refer to your letter dated 25th October, 1956, regarding the purchase by the Government of Ceylon of certain military equipment, materials and services from the Government of the United States of America under the following assurances and undertakings which the Government of the United States of America must obtain from the Government of Ceylon before completing any such transaction.

[See note I]

I have the honour to inform you that the Government of Ceylon is in agreement with the understandings quoted above and considers your Note and this reply as constituting an Agreement between the Government of Ceylon and the Government of the United States of America, which shall come into force on the date of this reply.

Accept, Mr. Secretary, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

R. S. S. GUNewardENE  
Ambassador of Ceylon  
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The Honourable the Secretary of State  
Department of State  
Washington 25, D. C.