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**UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN
AND NORTHERN IRELAND
and
SULTANATE OF MUSCAT AND OMAN**

Exchange of letters constituting an agreement concerning the Sultan's armed forces, civil aviation, Royal Air Force facilities and economic development in Muscat and Oman. London, 25 July 1958

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**ROYAUME-UNI DE GRANDE-BRETAGNE
ET D'IRLANDE DU NORD
et
SULTANAT DE MASCATE ET OMAN**

Échange de lettres constituant un accord relatif aux forces armées du Sultan, à l'aviation civile, aux installations de la Royal Air Force et au développement économique de Mascate et Oman. Londres, 25 juillet 1958

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No. 4524. EXCHANGE OF LETTERS CONSTITUTING AN AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND AND THE SULTAN OF MUSCAT AND OMAN CONCERNING THE SULTAN'S ARMED FORCES, CIVIL AVIATION, ROYAL AIR FORCE FACILITIES AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN MUSCAT AND OMAN. LONDON, 25 JULY 1958

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The Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs to the Sultan of Muscat and Oman

FOREIGN OFFICE, S.W. 1,

July 25, 1958

My honoured and valued Friend,

With reference to the discussions which I have had the pleasure of holding with Your Highness in London, and following upon those which took place in Muscat between Your Highness and Mr. Julian Amery in January, 1958, I have the honour to set out below my understanding of the agreement which has been reached between us.

In pursuance of the common interest of Your Highness and Her Majesty's Government in furthering the progress of the Sultanate of Muscat and Oman, Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom have agreed to extend assistance towards the strengthening of Your Highness's Army. Her Majesty's Government will also, at Your Highness's request, make available Regular officers on secondment from the British Army, who will, while serving in the Sultanate, form an integral part of Your Highness's Armed Forces. The terms and conditions of service of these seconded British officers have been agreed with Your Highness. Her Majesty's Government will also provide training facilities for members of Your Highness's Armed Forces and will make advice available on training and other matters as may be required by Your Highness.

Her Majesty's Government will also assist Your Highness in the establishment of an Air Force as an integral part of Your Highness's Armed Forces, and they will make available personnel to this Air Force.

¹ Came into force on 25 July 1958 by the exchange of the said letters.

Your Highness has approved the conclusion of an agreement for the extension of the present arrangements regarding civil aviation and the use by the Royal Air Force of the airfields at Salalah and Masirah.

We also discussed the economic and development problems of the Sultanate and Her Majesty's Government agreed to assist Your Highness in carrying out a civil development programme which will include the improvement of roads, medical and educational facilities and an agricultural research programme.

If Your Highness agrees that the foregoing correctly sets out the agreement reached between us I have the honour to suggest that this letter and Your Highness's reply should be regarded as constituting an Agreement between Your Highness and my Government.

I have the honour to be, with the highest consideration,

Your Highness's sincere friend,

Selwyn LLOYD

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The Sultan of Muscat and Oman to the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs

London, July 25, 1958

Your Excellency,

We have received Your Excellency's letter of to-day's date, setting out the agreement which has been reached in discussions between ourself and Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom, and confirm that your letter and this reply should be regarded as constituting an agreement between us and your Government.

Your sincere friend,

Said BIN TAIMUR