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No. 6254. EXCHANGE OF NOTES CONSTITUTING AN AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND SIERRA LEONE RELATING TO THE PEACE CORPS PROGRAM. FREETOWN, 29 DECEMBER 1961

I

The American Ambassador to the Sierra Leonean Minister of External Affairs

EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Freetown, December 29, 1961

No. 35

Excellency :

I have the honor to refer to recent conversations between representatives of our two Governments concerning appropriate arrangements with respect to the men and women of the United States of America who volunteer to serve in the Peace Corps and who, at the request of your Government, would live and work for periods of time in Sierra Leone. In these conversations your Government has indicated that it would welcome Peace Corps volunteers and volunteer leaders.

I have the honor to propose the following understandings with respect to the Peace Corps :

1. The Government of Sierra Leone will accord equitable treatment to Peace Corps volunteers and volunteer leaders, both as to their persons and their property ; afford them, particularly in case of need, full aid and protection ; and fully inform and consult and cooperate with representatives of the Government of the United States of America with respect to all matters concerning them.
2. The Government of Sierra Leone will receive a Peace Corps representative and such staff and other personnel as are acceptable to the Government of Sierra Leone, who will discharge functions with respect to Peace Corps programs.
3. The Government of Sierra Leone will exempt funds, equipment, materials and supplies furnished or financed by the Government of the United States and used in connection with Peace Corps programs from taxes, investment or deposit requirements, currency controls, and from customs duties, charges or other fees.

¹ Came into force on 29 December 1961 by the exchange of the said notes.

4. The Government of Sierra Leone will exempt Peace Corps volunteers, volunteer leaders, the Peace Corps representative and staff, and other personnel accepted hereunder from immigration fees, from income tax on all income derived from their Peace Corps work and from sources outside Sierra Leone, from social security taxes and from all other taxes, charges and fees except (a) sales taxes or other charges or fees included in the prices of goods and services, and (b) license fees ; will accord the Peace Corps representative and his staff the same treatment with respect to the payment of customs, import, export and all other duties, fees and charges on personal property, equipment and supplies imported into Sierra Leone for their own use as is accorded personnel of comparable rank or grade of the Embassy of the United States of America ; and will exempt volunteers, volunteer leaders and other personnel accepted hereunder from all customs duties, fees and charges on their personal property introduced into Sierra Leone at or about the time of their arrival.
5. Funds introduced into Sierra Leone in connection with Peace Corps programs shall be convertible into the currency used in Sierra Leone at the highest rate which is not unlawful in Sierra Leone.
6. Appropriate representatives of the Government of the United States of America and the Government of Sierra Leone may make from time to time such arrangements with respect to Peace Corps volunteers and volunteer leaders and Peace Corps programs in Sierra Leone as appear necessary or desirable for purposes of implementing this agreement.

Finally, I have the honor to propose that, if these understandings are acceptable to the Government of Sierra Leone, this note and Your Excellency's reply note concurring therein shall constitute an agreement between our two Governments which shall enter into force on the date of Your Excellency's reply note and which shall remain in force until ninety days after the date of written notification from either Government to the other of intention to terminate it.

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

A. S. J. CARNAHAN

His Excellency Dr. John Karefa-Smart
Minister of External Affairs

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The Sierra Leonean Minister of External Affairs to the American Ambassador

UNITY—FREEDOM—JUSTICE

Excellency :

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of Your Excellency's Note No. 35, dated December 29, 1961, which reads as follows :

[See note I]

I have the honour to inform Your Excellency that the Government of Sierra Leone concurs in the foregoing and that this reply and Your Excellency's note will constitute an agreement between our two Governments effective on the date of this note.

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

John KAREFA-SMART

29th December 1961

His Excellency the American Ambassador
Freetown
Sierra Leone