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The American Ambassador to the Bolivian Minister of Foreign Affairs and Worship

No. 412

La Paz, June 19, 1962

Excellency:

I have the honor to refer to recent conversations between representatives of our two governments and to propose the following understandings 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 certain periods of time in Bolivia.

- 1. The Government of the United States will furnish such Peace Corps Volunteers as may be requested by the Government of Bolivia and approved by the Government of the United States to perform mutually agreed tasks in Bolivia. The Volunteers will work under the immediate supervision of governmental or private organizations in Bolivia designated by mutual agreement of both governments. The Government of the United States will provide training to enable the Volunteers to perform more effectively these agreed tasks. While welcoming any contribution of training, equipment, housing and supplies, or other support for the Volunteers which the Government of Bolivia may wish to make, the Government of the United States is prepared to defray all of the costs of furnishing Volunteers under this agreement.
- 2. The Government of Bolivia will accord equitable treatment to the Volunteers and their property. It will afford them full aid and protection, including treatment no less favorable than that accorded generally to nationals of the United States residing in Bolivia. Both governments will consult and cooperate in all matters concerning them. The Government of Bolivia will exempt the Volunteers from all taxes on payments which they receive to defray their living costs and on income from sources outside Bolivia, from all customs duties or other charges on their personal property introduced into Bolivia for their own use at or about the time of their arrival, and from all other taxes or other charges (including immigration fees) except license fees and those included in the prices of equipment, supplies and services.
- 3. The Government of the United States will provide the Volunteers with such limited amounts of equipment and supplies as our two Governments may agree are needed to enable the Volunteers to perform their tasks effectively. The Government of Bolivia will exempt from all taxes, customs duties and other charges, all equipment and supplies introduced into or acquired in Bolivia by the Government of the United States, or any contractor financed by it, for use hereunder.

¹ Came into force on 19 June 1962 by the exchange of the said notes.

- 4. To enable the Government of the United States to discharge its responsibilities under this agreement, the Government of Bolivia will receive a representative of the Peace Corps and such staff of the representative and such personnel of United States private organizations performing functions hereunder under contract with the Government of the United States as are acceptable to the Government of Bolivia. The Government of Bolivia will exempt such persons from all taxes on income derived from their Peace Corps work or sources outside Bolivia, and from all other taxes or other charges (including immigration fees) except license fees and those included in the prices of equipment, supplies and services. The Government of Bolivia will accord the Peace Corps Representative and his staff the same treatment with respect to the payment of customs duties or other charges on personal property introduced into Bolivia for their own use as is accorded personnel of comparable rank or grade of the Embassy of the United States, and will accord such personnel of United States private organizations performing functions hereunder the same treatment with respect to the payment of customs duties or other charges on personal property introduced into Bolivia for their own use as is accorded Volunteers hereunder.
- 5. The Government of Bolivia will exempt from investment and deposit requirements and currency controls all funds introduced into Bolivia for use hereunder by the Government of the United States or contractors financed by it. Such funds shall be convertible into Bolivian currency.
- 6. Appropriate representatives of our two Governments may make in the future such agreements with respect to Peace Corps Volunteers and Peace Corps programs in Bolivia as they deem necessary or desirable for a better application of this Agreement under circumstances not provided for by it or for the implementation of this Agreement. The undertakings of each government herein are subject to the availability of funds and to the applicable laws of that Government.

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

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

Ben S. Stephansky

His Excellency José Fellman Velarde Minister of Foreign Affairs and Worship La Paz

Al informar a Vuestra Excelencia que el Gobierno de Bolivia concurre a los puntos enumerados en la nota transcrita y que la misma y la presente nota de respuesta constituyen un Acuerdo en los Estados Unidos de América y Bolivia, le renueva las seguridades de mi consideración más alta y distinguida.

Iosé Fellman Velarde

Al Excmo. Señor Ben Stephansky Embajador Extraordinario y Plenipotenciario de Estados Unidos de América Presente

[Translation¹ — Traduction²]

REPUBLIC OF BOLIVIA MINISTRY OF FOREIGN RELATIONS AND WORSHIP

No. DGNA. 232/512.-

La Paz, June 19, 1962

Excellency:

I have the honor to refer to the negotiations held between representatives of Your Excellency's Government and my Government concerning the Peace Corps and its programs in Bolivia and to Your Excellency's note No. 412 which reads as follows:

[See note I]

Informing Your Excellency that the Government of Bolivia agrees to the terms specified in the note transcribed and that that note and this note in reply shall constitute an agreement in the United States of America and Bolivia, it renews to Your Excellency the assurances of my highest and most distinguished consideration.

José Fellman Velarde

His Excellency Ben Stephansky Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America City

¹ Translation by the Government of the United States of America.
² Traduction du Gouvernement des États-Unis d'Amérique.