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I

The American Ambassador to the Afghan Acting Minister of Foreign Affairs

Kabul, September 6, 1962

No. 6

Excellency :

I have the honor to refer to the 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 in Afghanistan for such periods of time and in places as may be mutually agreed upon between the two Governments.

I. The Royal Government of Afghanistan will accord equitable treatment to Peace Corps Volunteers, both as to their persons and their property and afford them, in case of need, adequate aid and protection. The Royal Government of Afghanistan will recognize the responsibility of the Embassy of the United States of America to provide assistance and normal consular protection to any Peace Corps Volunteer who may become involved in legal processes.

II. The Royal Government of Afghanistan agrees that the allowances payable to the Peace Corps Volunteers by the Government of the United States, at the rates concurred in by the Royal Government of Afghanistan, shall be exempt from Afghan income tax. The Royal Government of Afghanistan will also exempt the Volunteers from all taxes on income which they may receive from all sources outside Afghanistan.

In addition the Royal Government of Afghanistan will grant to the Peace Corps Volunteers exemption from import regulations and from customs duties, taxes and related charges other than charges for storage, cartage and similar services, in respect of personal effects essentially required by the Volunteers. The exemption shall apply only to articles which can reasonably be treated as baggage for the personal use of the Volunteers, introduced into Afghanistan at or about the time of their arrival, and shall be subject to the

¹ Came into force on 11 September 1962 by the exchange of the said notes.

condition that the articles will be re-exported by the Volunteers on their leaving Afghanistan.

The Royal Government of Afghanistan may take necessary steps to keep a record of articles so exempted from duty and verify their re-exportation or permit them to be discarded as unserviceable.

III. The Royal Government of Afghanistan will accept a Peace Corps Representative and such personnel as may be necessary to assist him, subject to the approval by the Royal Government of Afghanistan, who will discharge functions for the Government of the United States with respect to Peace Corps programs and projects.

The Royal Government of Afghanistan will exempt the Peace Corps Representative from all taxes on income derived from his employment with the Peace Corps or sources outside Afghanistan, and from all other taxes or other charges included in the prices of equipment, supplies and services. The Royal Government of Afghanistan will accord the Peace Corps Representative the same treatment with respect to the payment of customs duties or other charges on personal property introduced into Afghanistan for his own use as is accorded personnel of comparable rank or grade of the Embassy of the United States. Should the scope of the Peace Corps program require the appointment of a Deputy Representative the Royal Government of Afghanistan will also accord to him the exemptions referred to in this paragraph.

IV. The Royal Government of Afghanistan will grant to the staff of the Peace Corps Representative exemption from Afghan income tax on their salaries and all income from sources outside of Afghanistan and from import regulations and from customs duties in exactly the same manner as is extended to the Peace Corps Volunteers.

V. The Royal Government of Afghanistan will exempt funds, equipment, materials and supplies furnished or financed by the Government of the United States of America and used in connection with Peace Corps programs and projects, from taxes and investment or deposit requirements, currency controls, and customs duties and charges or other levies. The utilization and disposal of the equipment, material and supplies thus imported will be subject to the approval of the Royal Government of Afghanistan.

VI. Appropriate representatives of the Government of the United States of America and of the Royal Government of Afghanistan may make from time to time such arrangements as appear necessary or desirable for purposes of implementing this agreement.

I have further the honor to propose that 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 note and 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.

J. M. STEEVES

His Excellency Sardar-a-'Ala Ali Mohammed
Acting Minister of Foreign Affairs
Kabul

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*The Afghan Deputy Prime Minister and Acting Minister of Foreign Affairs to the
American Ambassador*

MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

Kabul, September 11, 1962

No. 1640

Excellency :

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of Your Excellency's Note No. 6, dated September 6, 1962, which reads as follows :

[See note I]

I have the honor to inform Your Excellency that the Government of Afghanistan 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.

ALI MOHAMMED
Deputy Prime-Minister
and Acting Minister of Foreign Affairs

His Excellency Ambassador John M. Steeves
Embassy of the United States of America
Kabul