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I

The American Ambassador to the Minister of External Affairs of India

New Delhi, November 13, 1962

No. 287

Excellency :

I have the honor to refer to the recent conversations between the representatives of our two Governments relating to the conclusion of 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 in India for such technical projects and programs and for such periods of time as may be mutually agreed upon between the two Governments and to propose the following understandings :

(1) The Government of India will accord equitable treatment to Peace Corps Volunteers, both as to their person and their property, and afford them, in case of need, adequate aid and protection. The Government of India agrees that the payments received by Volunteers to defray their living expenses and the separation allotment payable to the Peace Corps Volunteers, paid directly or indirectly by the Government of the United States, shall be exempt from Indian income tax. Also exempt from Indian income tax will be any other income of Peace Corps Volunteers in respect of which such individuals are required to pay any income or social security tax to the Government of the United States. In addition, the Government of India 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 baggage, used personal and household effects and Rs. 1,500/- of new items of personal and household effects.

(2) The Government of India will accept a Peace Corps Representative, a Deputy and such other personnel as may be deemed necessary by the Government of the United States and the Government of India to discharge the functions for the Government of the United States with respect to Peace Corps programs and projects. The Government

¹ Came into force on 21 November 1962 by the exchange of the said notes, with retroactive effect from 20 December 1961, in accordance with the terms of the said notes.

of India shall extend to the Peace Corps Representative, Deputy and to other personnel if such are employees of the United States Government, the same treatment with respect to payment of income tax and customs duties or charges as are accorded to personnel of comparable rank or grade of the Embassy.

(3) The Government of India will exempt funds, equipments, 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, investment or deposit requirements, currency controls, customs duties or other charges. The disposal of equipments, materials and supplies thus imported will be governed by rules as may be prescribed by the Government of India.

(4) Appropriate representatives of the Government of the United States of America and of the Government of India may make from time to time such arrangements with respect to Peace Corps programs in India 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 India, this note and Your Excellency's reply note concurring therein shall constitute an agreement between our two Governments which shall be deemed to have become effective on December 20, 1961, that being the date of arrival of the first group of Volunteers in India, and which shall remain in force until 90 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.

John Kenneth GALBRAITH

His Excellency Jawaharlal Nehru
Minister of External Affairs
New Delhi

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*The Commonwealth Secretary, Ministry of External Affairs of India,
to the American Ambassador*

MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
NEW DELHI

Commonwealth Secretary

Dated the 21st November, 1962

No. F.118(38)-WII/62.

Your Excellency,

I have the honour to refer to your Note No. 287 of the 13th November, 1962, addressed to the Prime Minister, which reads as follows :

[See note I]

2. On behalf of the Government of India, I have the honour to inform you that the Government of India concurs in the proposals contained in your Note No. 287. Further, I confirm that your note under reference and this reply shall constitute an agreement between our two Governments which shall be deemed to have become effective on December 20, 1961 and which shall remain in force until 90 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.

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His Excellency Mr. John Kenneth Galbraith
Ambassador of the United States of America in India
New Delhi