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The American Ambassador to the Ceylonese Prime Minister, Minister of Defense and External Affairs

EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Colombo, November 21, 1962

No. 201

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 of the United States of America and who, at the request of your Government, would live and work for specified periods of time in Ceylon.

1. The Government of the United States will furnish such Peace Corps Volunteers as may be requested by the Government of Ceylon and approved by the Government of the United States to perform mutually agreed tasks in Ceylon. The Volunteers will work under the immediate supervision of the governmental or private organizations in Ceylon designated by our two Governments. The Government of the United States will provide training to enable the Volunteers to perform more effectively their agreed tasks.

2. The Government of Ceylon will accord equitable treatment to the Peace Corps Volunteers and their property; afford them full aid and protection, including treatment no less favorable than that accorded generally to nationals of the United States residing in Ceylon; and fully inform, consult and cooperate with representatives of the Government of the United States with respect to all matters concerning them. The Government of Ceylon will exempt the Volunteers from all customs duties or other charges on the personal effects specified in paragraph 12 of Part III, Customs Notification (General) No. 60/1, Customs Ordinance dated February 15, 1960, plus additional effects not exceeding \$315 in value or the equivalent thereof in currency of Ceylon introduced into Ceylon for their own use during a period not to exceed one month prior to the date of first arrival and three months thereafter; from all income, social security, residence visa and national development taxes; and from all other taxes or other charges now in existence or hereafter

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established, except license fees and taxes or other charges included in the prices of equipment, supplies and services. Any liability to tax which may arise under the Income Tax Ordinance, the Personal Tax Act and the Finance Act will be borne by the Government of Ceylon.

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 Ceylon will exempt from all taxes, service charges, investment or deposit requirements and currency controls, customs duties and other charges, all equipment and supplies introduced into Ceylon by or on behalf of the Government of the United States for use hereunder, on a certificate being furnished by the Embassy that such equipment and supplies have been imported into Ceylon for the use of the Peace Corps.

4. To enable the Government of the United States to discharge its responsibilities under this agreement, the Government of Ceylon will receive a Representative of the Peace Corps, one Deputy Representative, and such staff of the Representative and such other personnel acting for or on behalf of the Government of the United States in performing functions hereunder as are acceptable to the Government of Ceylon. The Peace Corps may assign a physician to the staff of the Representative of the Peace Corps for the purpose of medical supervision of the Volunteers. In order to carry out this work, the physician will travel to the areas of Volunteer assignment. The physician will be available to work in the Government medical institutions to the extent permitted by his duties with the Peace Corps. The Government of Ceylon will provide medical license or waiver of license for the Peace Corps physician so that he may accomplish these activities. The Government of Ceylon will exempt the Representative, the Deputy Representative and the staff of the Representative, and such other personnel acting for or on behalf of the Government of the United States in performing functions hereunder, from all income, social security, residence visa and national development taxes and from all other taxes or other charges now in existence or hereafter established. In respect of the payment of customs duties or other charges on personal effects introduced into Ceylon for their use, the Representative of the Peace Corps and the Deputy Representative will be accorded the same treatment as is accorded, or may be accorded, to officers of comparable rank or grade in the Embassy, and their staff will be accorded the same treatment as is accorded, or may be accorded, to the technical and administrative staff of the Embassy. The Government of Ceylon will accord any other personnel acting for or on behalf of the Government of the United States in performing functions hereunder the same treatment accorded Volunteers hereunder with respect to the payment of customs duties or other charges on personal property introduced into Ceylon for their own use. Any liability to tax which may arise under the Income Tax Ordinance, the Personal Tax Act and the Finance Act will be borne by the Government of Ceylon. The privileges specified herein will apply only to persons who are not Ceylonese nationals.

5. The Government of Ceylon will exempt from investment and deposit requirements and currency controls all funds introduced into Ceylon for use of the Peace Corps by the Government of the United States. Such funds shall be convertible into currency of Ceylon at the officially approved rate.

6. Equipment, supplies, and personal property introduced into Ceylon hereunder without the payment of customs duties shall be reexported if not used up. If, however,

the goods are to be sold to persons not entitled to exemption from duty, notice should be given to the Principal Collector of Customs, so that the goods may be assessed for the purpose of duty and duty recovered from the purchaser.

7. Appropriate representatives of our two Governments may make from time to time such arrangements with respect to Peace Corps Volunteers and Peace Corps programs in Ceylon as appear necessary or desirable for the purpose of implementing this agreement. The undertakings of each Government herein are subject to the availability of funds and to the applicable laws of that Government.

8. I have the 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 written notification from either Government to the other of intention to terminate it.

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

Frances E. WILLIS

Senator the Honorable Sirimavo R. D. Bandaranaike Prime Minister Minister of Defense and External Affairs The Temple Trees [TRANSLATION¹ — TRADUCTION²]

THE PRIME MINISTER OF CEYLON

Colombo, November 21, 1962

No. AE/US/4 (2)

Her Excellency Frances Willis Ambassador of the United States of America Colombo

Excellency :

I have the honor to inform you that I am in receipt of your note No. 201 of November 21, 1962, embodying the following :

[See note I]

The suggestions contained in your note are acceptable to my Government. Your note and this note, that is a reply thereto, shall be considered an agreement between our two Governments and shall enter into force as of the date of this note in reply.

Accept, Excellency, the assurances of my most distinguished consideration.

Sirimavo R. D. BANDARANAIKE The Prime Minister

¹ Translation by the Government of the United States of America.

^a Traduction du Gouvernement des États-Unis d'Amérique.