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**UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN
AND NORTHERN IRELAND
and
INDIA**

**Exchange of letters constituting an agreement concerning
the provision of arms and equipment to the Government
of India. New Delhi, 27 November 1962**

Official text: English.

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1963.*

**ROYAUME-UNI DE GRANDE-BRETAGNE
ET D'IRLANDE DU NORD
et
INDE**

**Échange de lettres constituant un accord relatif à la livrai-
son d'armes et de matériel au Gouvernement de l'Inde.
New Delhi, 27 novembre 1962**

Texte officiel anglais.

Enregistré par le Royaume-Uni de Grande-Bretagne et d'Irlande du Nord le 16 mai 1963.

No. 6744. EXCHANGE OF LETTERS CONSTITUTING AN AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND AND THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA CONCERNING THE PROVISION OF ARMS AND EQUIPMENT TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA. NEW DELHI, 27 NOVEMBER 1962

I

New Delhi, 27th November 1962

My dear Minister,

In response to requests from the Government of India the United Kingdom Government is prepared to provide the Government of India with arms and military equipment for the purpose of defending India against Chinese aggression.

2. It is the understanding of Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland that the Government of India :

- (a) Will obtain the consent of the United Kingdom Government prior to the transfer of title to or possession of any arms and equipment so provided and will take appropriate measures to protect their security ;
- (b) Will offer necessary facilities to representatives of the United Kingdom Government attached to the staff of the British High Commission in India for the purpose of observing and reviewing the use of these arms and equipment and will provide them with such information as may be necessary for that purpose ;
- (c) Will offer for return to the United Kingdom Government such items as are no longer needed for the purpose for which they were provided.

3. The items of the arms and military equipment to be thus provided will be agreed from time to time between the Government of India and the United Kingdom Government and will be provided without payment within an agreed financial limit.

4. The United Kingdom Government will be responsible for the transport to India of arms and equipment provided by them under these arrangements.

5. A reply agreeing to these arrangements and confirming that the understandings stated in paragraph 2 of this letter are correct, will constitute an agreement

¹ Came into force on 27 November 1962 by the exchange of the said letters.

between the Government of India and the Government of the United Kingdom which shall come into force on the date of the Government of India's reply.

Yours sincerely,

Duncan SANDYS
Secretary of State
for Commonwealth Relations

II

MINISTER OF DEFENCE

No. 412-DM(C)/62

New Delhi, November 27, 1962

My dear Minister,

I write to acknowledge your letter dated the 27th November, 1962, which reads as follows :

[*See letter I*]

2. I confirm that the Government of India agree to the arrangements set out above and that the understandings quoted are correct. I agree that your letter and this reply should constitute an agreement between our two Governments which comes into force on the date of this reply.

Yours sincerely,

Y. B. CHAVAN

The Rt. Hon'ble Duncan Sandys
Secretary of State for Commonwealth Relations
British High Commission
New Delhi