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## I

*The Acting Secretary of State to the Minister-Governor of the Bank of the Republic of Guinea*

*Le Secrétaire d'État par intérim des États-Unis d'Amérique au Ministre Gouverneur de la Banque de la République de Guinée*

DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
WASHINGTON

May 9 1962

Excellency :

I have the honor to refer to conversations which have recently taken place between representatives of our two Governments relating to investment guarantees which may be issued pursuant to the present Agreement by the Government of the United States of America with respect to investments in Guinea.

The Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of Guinea, in order to facilitate and increase the participation of private enterprise in furthering the development of the economic resources and productive capacities of Guinea by the issuance of U.S. Government investment guarantees, agree as follows :

1. The Governments of the United States of America and the Republic of Guinea shall, upon the request of either of them, consult respecting projects in Guinea with respect to which United States Government investment guarantees have been issued or may be issued pursuant to the present Agreement.

2. The Government of the United States of America shall issue no guaranty pursuant to the present Agreement with respect to any project unless such project has been approved by the Government of the Republic of Guinea for guaranty purposes.

3. If the Government of the United States of America makes payment in United States dollars to any investor under a guaranty issued pursuant to the present Agreement, the Government of the Republic of Guinea shall recognize the transfer to the Government

<sup>1</sup> Came into force on 9 May 1962 by the exchange of the said notes.

<sup>1</sup> Entré en vigueur le 9 mai 1962 par l'échange desdites notes.

of the United States of America of any currency, credits, assets, or investment on account of which payment under such guaranty is to be made, and the succession of the Government of the United States of America to any right, title, claim, privilege, or cause of action existing, or which may arise, in connection therewith.

4. Amounts in the lawful currency of the Republic of Guinea and credits thereof acquired by the Government of the United States of America pursuant to such guaranties shall be accorded treatment not less favorable than that accorded to funds of private United States nationals deriving from investment activities like those in which the investor has been engaged, and such amounts and credits shall be freely available to the Government of the United States of America to meet its expenditures in Guinea.

5. Any claim against the Government of the Republic of Guinea to which the Government of the United States of America may succeed as a result of any payment under such guaranty shall be the subject of direct negotiations between the two Governments. If, within a reasonable period, they are unable to settle the claim by agreement, it shall be referred for final and binding determination to a sole arbitrator. Such arbitrator shall be selected by mutual agreement, or, if the Governments are unable within a period of three months to agree upon such selection, the arbitrator shall be one who may be designated by the President of the International Court of Justice at the request of either Government.

6. Investors to whom guaranties against loss due to war, revolution or insurrection have been issued pursuant to the present Agreement shall be accorded by the Government of the Republic of Guinea treatment not less favorable than the most favorable treatment accorded, in like circumstances, to nationals of the Republic of Guinea or nationals of any other country, with reference to any reimbursement, compensation, indemnification, or any other payment, including the distribution of reparations received from enemy countries, that the Government of the Republic of Guinea may make or pay for loss due to war, revolution or insurrection.

7. The Government of the United States of America will encourage by appropriate measures investments of capital in Guinea by nationals and companies of the United States of America. The Government of Guinea, for its part, will admit these investments in conformity with its legislation and will consider favorably the question of the granting of the necessary authorizations. It will treat these investments, in each case, justly and equitably.

Upon receipt of a note from Your Excellency indicating that the foregoing provisions are acceptable to the Government of the Republic of Guinea, the Government of the United States of America will consider that this note and your reply thereto constitute an Agreement between our two Governments on this subject, the Agreement to enter into force on the date of your note in reply.

Accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

For the Acting Secretary of State :

J. Wayne FREDERICKS  
Acting Assistant Secretary of State

His Excellency Moussa Diakite  
Minister-Governor of the Bank of the Republic of Guinea

## [TRADUCTION — TRANSLATION]

DÉPARTEMENT D'ÉTAT  
WASHINGTON

Le 9 mai 1962

Monsieur le Ministre,

[*Voir note II*]

Veuillez agréer, etc.

Pour le Secrétaire d'État par intérim :

J. Wayne FREDERICKS  
Secrétaire d'État adjoint par intérim

Son Excellence Monsieur Moussa Diakite  
Ministre Gouverneur de la Banque  
de la République de Guinée

II

*The Chief of the Guinean Delegation  
and Minister-Governor of the Bank  
of the Republic of Guinea to the  
Acting Secretary of State*

*Le Chef de la Délégation guinéenne et  
Ministre Gouverneur de la Banque de  
la République de Guinée au Secrétaire  
d'État par intérim des États-Unis  
d'Amérique*

AMBASSADE DE LA RÉPUBLIQUE DE GUINÉE AUX ÉTATS-UNIS  
WASHINGTON 8, D.C.

Le 9 mai 1962

S. E. George W. Ball  
Sous-Secrétaire d'État par intérim  
Washington, D.C.

Excellence,

J'ai l'honneur d'accuser réception de votre note en date du 9 mai 1962, ainsi rédigée :

« Excellence,

« J'ai l'honneur de me référer aux conversations qui ont eu lieu récemment entre les Représentants de nos deux Gouvernements au sujet des garanties d'investissements qui pourraient être données conformément à l'accord actuel par le Gouvernement des États-Unis d'Amérique à l'égard des investissements en Guinée.

sortissants de la République de la Guinée ou aux ressortissants de tout autre pays, en matière de tout remboursement, compensation, indemnisation, ou tout autre paiement, y compris la répartition de réparations reçues de pays ennemis que le Gouvernement de la République de la Guinée peut effectuer ou payer pour des pertes subies du fait de la guerre, de la révolution ou de l'insurrection;

« 7. Le Gouvernement des États-Unis d'Amérique encouragera par des mesures appropriées les investissements de capitaux en Guinée par des ressortissants et des sociétés des États-Unis d'Amérique. De son côté, le Gouvernement guinéen admettra ces investissements en conformité avec sa législation et considérera avec bienveillance la question de l'octroi des autorisations nécessaires. Il traitera ces investissements, dans chaque cas, de façon juste et équitable.

« Dès réception d'une note de Votre Excellence indiquant que les dispositions ci-dessus sont acceptables au Gouvernement de la République de la Guinée, le Gouvernement des États-Unis d'Amérique considérera que cette note et votre réponse à celle-ci constitueront un accord entre les deux Gouvernements à ce sujet, l'accord entrant en vigueur à la date de votre réponse. »

J'ai l'honneur de vous confirmer l'accord de mon Gouvernement sur les dispositions prévues ci-dessus.

Je vous prie de croire, Excellence, à l'assurance de ma très haute considération.

Diakite MOUSSA  
Chef de la Délégation guinéenne  
et Ministre Gouverneur de la Banque de la République de Guinée

[TRANSLATION<sup>1</sup> — TRADUCTION<sup>2</sup>]

EMBASSY OF THE REPUBLIC OF GUINEA IN THE UNITED STATES  
WASHINGTON 8, D.C.

May 9, 1962

His Excellency George W. Ball  
Acting Secretary of State  
Washington, D.C.

Excellency :

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your note dated May 9, 1962, which reads as follows :

[See note I]

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<sup>1</sup> Translation by the Government of the United States of America.

<sup>2</sup> Traduction du Gouvernement des États-Unis d'Amérique.

I have the honor to confirm to you my Government's agreement to the provisions set forth above.

Accept, Excellency, the assurance of my very high consideration.

Moussa DIAKITE

Chief of the Guinean Delegation  
and Minister-Governor of the Bank of the Republic of Guinea

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