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**AUSTRALIA  
and  
INDIA**

**Exchange of notes constituting an agreement on defence aid  
to India. New Delhi, 3 December 1963**

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**AUSTRALIE  
et  
INDE**

**Échange de notes constituant un accord d'assistance à l'Inde  
pour sa défense. New Delhi, 3 décembre 1963**

*Texte officiel anglais.*

*Enregistré par l'Australie le 4 février 1964.*

No. 7082. EXCHANGE OF NOTES CONSTITUTING AN AGREEMENT<sup>1</sup> BETWEEN AUSTRALIA AND INDIA ON DEFENCE AID TO INDIA. NEW DELHI, 3 DECEMBER 1963

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I

AUSTRALIAN HIGH COMMISSION  
NEW DELHI

3rd December, 1963

Dear Foreign Secretary,

I have the honour to refer to the gift of military and other supplies by the Australian Government to the Government of India to assist India in her self defence against Chinese forces directed from Peking.

2. The Australian Government wishes to confirm that the following terms and conditions are to be applied in respect of the supplies furnished under the gift :

- (a) The Government of India accepts the supplies on an f.o.b. basis at an Australian port determined by the Australian Government, and undertakes to meet all subsequent costs arising from the carriage of the supplies to India;
- (b) The Government of India undertakes—
  - (i) that such weapons, ammunition and other supplies provided will be used only for the purposes of resisting Chinese aggression directed from Peking against India; and
  - (ii) not to dispose by gift or sale of any of the supplies without the prior agreement of the Australian Government.

3. The Australian Government would also wish the Government of India to agree to provide the Australian Government with the necessary facilities, should the need arise, for satisfying itself that the undertakings in the preceding sub-paragraphs are being observed by the Government of India.

4. If the foregoing terms are acceptable to the Government of India, I have the honour to suggest that this Note and your confirmatory reply should con-

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<sup>1</sup> Came into force on 3 December 1963 by the exchange of the said notes, with retroactive effect from 1 December 1962, in accordance with their provisions.

stitute and evidence the agreement reached between our two Governments in the matter, such agreement being effective from 1st December, 1962.

Yours sincerely,

J. PLIMSOLL  
High Commissioner  
for the Commonwealth of Australia in India

Shri M. J. Desai  
Foreign Secretary  
Ministry of External Affairs  
Government of India  
New Delhi

II

MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
NEW DELHI

December 3, 1963

My dear High Commissioner,

I acknowledge receipt of your letter dated December 3, 1963, which reads as follows :

[See note I]

2. This is to confirm that the understandings set forth in the above letter are correct. I agree that your letter together with this reply shall constitute an agreement between our two Governments, this agreement being effective from 1st December, 1962.

Yours sincerely,

M. J. DESAI

His Excellency Sir James Plimsoll, C.B.E.  
High Commissioner for Australia  
Chanakyapuri  
New Delhi