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The American Ambassador to the Costa Rican Minister of Foreign Relations

No. 12

San José, November 21, 1962

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 and who, at the request of your Government, would live and work for periods of time in Costa Rica.

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

2. The Government of Costa Rica will accord equitable treatment to the 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 Costa Rica; 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 Costa Rica will exempt the Volunteers from all taxes on payments which they receive to defray their living costs and on income from sources outside Costa Rica, from all customs duties or other charges on their personal property introduced into Costa Rica for their own use at or about the time of their arrival, and from all other taxes or other charges (including immigration fees) except license fees and taxes or other charges included in the prices of equipment, supplies, and services.

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 should be provided by it to enable the Volunteers to perform their tasks effectively. The Government of Costa Rica will exempt from all taxes, customs duties and other charges, all equipment and supplies introduced into or acquired in Costa Rica by the Government of the United States, or any contractor financed by it, for use hereunder.

¹ Came into force on 11 August 1964, the date of the communication by which the Government of Costa Rica notified the Government of the United States of America that it had ratified the Agreement, in accordance with the provisions of the said notes.

4. To enable the Government of the United States to discharge its responsibilities under this agreement, the Government of Costa Rica will receive a representative of the Peace Corps and such staff of the representative and such personnel of United States private organizations performing functions hereunder under contract with the Government of the United States as are acceptable to the Government of Costa Rica. The Government of Costa Rica will exempt such persons from all taxes on income derived from their Peace Corps work or sources outside Costa Rica, and from all other taxes or other charges (including immigration fees) except license fees and taxes or other charges included in the prices of equipment, supplies and services. The Government of Costa Rica will accord the Peace Corps Representative and his staff the same treatment with respect to the payment of customs duties or other charges on personal property¹ introduced into Costa Rica for their own use as is accorded personnel of comparable rank or grade of the Embassy of the United States. The Government of Costa Rica will accord personnel of United States private organizations under contract with the Government of the United States the same treatment with respect to the payment of customs duties or other charges on personal property introduced into Costa Rica for their own use as is accorded Volunteers hereunder.

5. The Government of Costa Rica will exempt from investment and deposit requirements and currency controls all funds introduced into Costa Rica for use hereunder by the Government of the United States or contractors financed by it. Such funds shall be convertible into currency of Costa Rica at the highest rate which is not unlawful in Costa Rica.

6. 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 Costa Rica 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.

I have the further honor to propose that, if these understandings are acceptable to the Government of Costa Rica, this note and your Excellency's reply note concurring therein shall constitute an agreement between our two Governments. This agreement shall enter into force on the date of the communication by which the Government of Costa Rica notifies the Government of the United States that it has been ratified and shall remain in force until ninety days after the date of the communication by which either Government gives written notification to the other of its intention to terminate it.

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

Raymond L. TELLES

His Excellency Daniel Oduber Quiros
Minister of Foreign Relations
San José

¹ The following information is given by the Department of State of the United States of America (*Treaties and Other International Acts Series 5719*, p. 2, footnote 1): "The United States requested the inclusion of the following: '(including automobiles)' at this place and it was inserted by the legislative committee of the Costa Rican Assembly and included in the Costa Rican ratification of the agreement."

Aprovecho la ocasión para renovar a Vuestra Excelencia las seguridades de mi más alta y distinguida consideración,

Daniel ODUBER
Ministro de Relaciones Exteriores

Excelentísimo Señor Raymond L. Telles
Embajador de los Estados Unidos de América
Ciudad

[TRANSLATION¹ — TRADUCTION²]

REPUBLIC OF COSTA RICA
MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND WORSHIP
Office of Foreign Affairs

N. 32255-AE

San José, November 23, 1962

Excellency :

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of Your Excellency's note of November 21, 1962, in which you propose an understanding between the United States of America and Costa Rica with respect to the men and women of the United States of America who volunteer to serve in the Peace Corps, the text of which reads as follows :

[*See note I*]

This agreement shall enter into force on the date of the communication by which the Government of Costa Rica notifies the Government of the United States that it has been ratified, and it shall remain in force until ninety days after the date on which either Government gives written notice to the other of its intention to terminate the agreement.

The Government of Costa Rica accepts the understanding referred to in Your Excellency's note, subject to subsequent legislative ratification thereof in accordance with constitutional procedures.

I avail myself of the occasion to renew to Your Excellency the assurances of my highest and most distinguished consideration.

Daniel ODUBER
Minister of Foreign Affairs

His Excellency Raymond L. Telles
Ambassador of the United States of America
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¹ Translation by the Government of the United States of America.

² Traduction du Gouvernement des États-Unis d'Amérique.