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*The Maltese Secretary, Ministry of Commonwealth and Foreign Affairs,
to the American Ambassador*

MINISTRY OF COMMONWEALTH AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS
THE OLD CHANCELLERY
VALLETTA, MALTA

15 January, 1966

Sir,

I have the honour to refer to the proposed deployment of United States Naval vessels to Malta for a period of approximately two months and to propose the following arrangements which will regulate, for the purposes of the said deployment, the entry of United States Naval vessels in Malta and the status of members of the United States Force and of other persons connected therewith :

(a) United States Naval vessels may enter the Grand Harbour to serve as repair vessels or to make repairs during the period of approximately January 17 to March 15, 1966, and the Maltese authorities will make the necessary arrangements to that end;

(b) Members of the United States Force (hereinafter referred to as the "Force") and their dependants and the contractors of that Force will be allowed freedom of entry to, and egress from, Malta for the purposes of the said deployment, and freedom of movement in Malta. Members and their dependants and contractors of the Force will be exempt from passport and visa requirements and immigration and emigration inspection on entering or leaving Malta and from registration and control as aliens, but will not by reason of their entry into Malta under this paragraph be regarded as acquiring any rights to permanent residence in Malta;

(c) Members and their dependants and contractors of the Force will be in possession of identity documents issued by the authorities of the United States (specimens of which will be supplied to the authorities of Malta) or a passport showing their status for the

¹ Came into force on 15 January 1966 by the exchange of the said notes.

purposes of this paragraph, which will be produced when production is requested by a Maltese authority authorised to make the request;

(d) No member or dependant of a member, or contractor of the Force will take any employment or exercise a trade or profession or carry on business in Malta, other than an employment, trade, profession or business for which such member or contractor is engaged or is detailed to perform for the purposes of the said deployment;

(e) The authorities of Malta will accept as valid, and without a driving test or fee, driving licences or service driving permits issued by the authorities of the United States to members of the Force for the purpose of driving vehicles of the Force on duty;

(f) The provisions of the Visiting Forces Act, 1952, an Act of the United Kingdom Parliament, as extended to Malta by the Visiting Forces Act (Application to Colonies) Order, 1954, as amended, will have effect with respect to the Force and to the members thereof;

(g) The authorities of the United States will pay just and reasonable compensation in settlement of civil claims (other than contractual claims) arising out of acts or omissions of members of the Force done in the performance of official duty or out of any other act, omission or occurrence for which the Force is legally responsible. All such claims will be expeditiously processed and settled by the authorities of the United States as enabled by the applicable provisions of the United States law;

(h) Subject to procedures to be agreed between the authorities of Malta and the authorities of the United States the Force may import into Malta, without licence or other restriction and free of duty, equipment, provisions, supplies and other goods required by the Force or required for consumption on board any vessel of the Force or for the personal use of the members of the Force; and items imported under this paragraph may be freely exported free of duty;

(i) Members and their dependants and contractors of the Force may, in accordance with existing regulations, import temporarily free of duty their private motor vehicle; they may also drive vehicles without a Maltese licence in the circumstances in which tourists and other visitors to Malta are permitted to do so;

(j) Members and their dependants and contractors of the Force will respect the laws of Malta and the customs and traditions of the people of Malta and abstain from any activity inconsistent with the spirit of these arrangements. The authorities of the United States will take the necessary measures to that end.

2. If the foregoing is acceptable to the Government of the United States of America, I have the honour to propose that this letter and your letter in reply confirming acceptance will constitute a correct record of the understanding reached between our respective Governments regarding this matter.

Accept, Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

F. E. AMATO-GAUCI
Secretary

His Excellency Mr. George J. Feldman
Ambassador for the United States of America
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*The American Ambassador to the Maltese Secretary, Ministry of Commonwealth
and Foreign Affairs*

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Valletta, January 15, 1966

Sir :

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your note of January 15, 1966 reading as follows :

[*See note I*]

I have the honor to inform you that the foregoing is acceptable to the Government of the United States of America and to confirm that your note as quoted above and this note in replying confirming acceptance will constitute a correct record of the understanding reached between our respective governments regarding this matter.

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

George J. FELDMAN

Mr. Frederick E. Amato-Gauci
Secretary, Ministry of Commonwealth
and Foreign Affairs
Valletta