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No. 8774. EXCHANGE OF NOTES CONSTITUTING AN AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA RELATING TO THE PEACE CORPS. SEOUL, 14 SEPTEMBER 1966

I

The American Chargé d'Affaires ad interim to the Korean Minister of Foreign Affairs

No. 341

September 14, 1966

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 in the Republic of Korea for periods of time as may be mutually agreed upon between the two Governments.

1. The Government of the Republic of Korea will accord equitable treatment to the Peace Corps volunteers (hereinafter referred to as Volunteers), both as to their person and property, and afford them, in case of need, adequate aid and protection, including treatment no less favorable than that accorded generally to nationals of the United States residing in Korea.

2. The Government of the Republic of Korea will exempt the Volunteers from :
(a) all taxes on payments which they receive to defray their living costs and on income from sources outside the Republic of Korea, from (b) customs duties and related charges other than charges for storage, cartage and similar services, in respect of personal baggage, used personal and household effects, and from (c) all other taxes or other charges except license fees and taxes or other charges included in the prices of equipment, supplies and services.

3. The Republic of Korea will receive a Peace Corps representative and such staff as may be deemed necessary by the Government of the Republic of Korea and the Government of the United States of America to discharge the functions for the Government of the United States of America with respect to Peace Corps programs and projects. The Government of the Republic of Korea will exempt such persons from all taxes on income derived from their Peace Corps work or sources outside the Republic of Korea, and from all other taxes or other charges except license fees and taxes or other charges

¹ Came into force on 14 September 1966 by the exchange of the said notes.

included in the prices of equipment, supplies and services. The Peace Corps representative and such staff will be accorded the same treatment as is accorded Volunteers hereunder with respect to the payments of customs duties, fees and charges on their personal and household effects, excluding consumable stores (but including one motor car for each), introduced into the Republic of Korea for their own use during their stay in the Republic of Korea. The disposal of such personal and household effects (including one motor car) by such personnel shall be governed by applicable laws and regulations of the Republic of Korea.

4. The Government of the Republic of Korea will exempt funds, equipment, materials and supplies, furnished or financed by the Government of the United States of America and used for the Peace Corps programs and projects from taxes, investment or deposit requirements, customs duties or other charges. The disposal of such equipment, materials and supplies by the Government of the United States of America shall be governed by applicable laws and regulations of the Republic of Korea.

5. Appropriate representatives of our two Governments may make from time to time such arrangements with respect to Volunteers and Peace Corps programs in the Republic of Korea as appear necessary or desirable for the purpose of implementing this Agreement.

I have the further honor to propose that, if these understandings are acceptable to your Government, this note and your Government's reply note concurring therein shall constitute an agreement between our two Governments which shall enter into force on the date of your Government's note and shall remain in force until ninety days after the date of the written notification from either Government to the other of intention to terminate it.

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

George S. NEWMAN
Chargé d'Affaires ad interim

His Excellency Tong Won Lee
Minister of Foreign Affairs
Seoul

AGREED UNDERSTANDING

With reference to the Peace Corps Agreement between the Government of the Republic of Korea and the Government of the United States of America, signed today, the signatories of the two Governments confirm the following understandings reached between the negotiators of the two Governments during the course of negotiations :

1. The term "staff", appearing in paragraph three of the Agreement, will include both United States Government officials and non-volunteer personnel, such as an English language supervisor, whose functions are solely to support the aims of the program, as may be mutually agreed.

2. Paragraph three accords the Peace Corps representative and such staff customs-free privileges on accompanied goods and on both used and new personal effects for their own use in accordance with the relevant procedural provisions of the Customs Law of the Republic of Korea.

3. Volunteers will be accorded customs-free privileges on both accompanied and unaccompanied new and used personal effects for their own use, in accordance with the relevant procedural provisions of the Customs Law, introduced at or about the time of their arrival.

G.S.N

September 14, 1966

II

*The Korean Minister of Foreign Affairs to the
American Chargé d'Affaires ad interim*

OBJ-6935

September 14, 1966

Sir,

I wish to acknowledge the receipt of your note No. 341, dated September 14, 1966, 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 my Government, would live and work in the Republic of Korea for periods of time as may be mutually agreed upon between the two Governments, which reads as follows :

[See note I]

I further wish to inform you that the foregoing understandings are acceptable to the Government of the Republic of Korea and to confirm that your note and this reply thereto constitute an agreement between our two Governments which shall enter into force on the date of this reply and shall remain

in force until ninety days after the date of the written notification from either Government to the other of intention to terminate it.

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

TONG WON LEE
Minister of Foreign Affairs

The Honorable George S. Newman
Chargé d'Affaires ad interim
Embassy of the United States of America
Seoul

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*[For the text of the above-mentioned Agreed Understanding,
see p. 58 of this volume.]*

T. W. L.

Seoul, September 14, 1966