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**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
and  
GAMBIA**

**Exchange of notes constituting an agreement relating to the  
establishment of a Peace Corps program in the Gambia.  
Bathurst, 26 November and 5 December 1966**

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EXCHANGE OF NOTES CONSTITUTING AN AGREEMENT<sup>1</sup>  
BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND  
GAMBIA RELATING TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF  
A PEACE CORPS PROGRAM IN THE GAMBIA

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*The American Chargé d'Affaires ad interim to the Gambia Prime Minister*

No. 20

Mr. Prime Minister :

I have the honour 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 The Gambia.

The Government of the United States will furnish such Peace Corps Volunteers as may be requested by the Government of The Gambia and approved by the Government of the United States to perform work under the immediate supervision of governmental or private organizations in The Gambia designated by our two Governments. The Government of the United States will provide training to enable the Volunteers to perform more effectively their agreed tasks. The Government of The Gambia will bear such share of the costs of the Peace Corps program incurred in The Gambia as our two Governments may agree should be contributed by it.

The Government of The Gambia 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 The Gambia; 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 The Gambia will exempt the Volunteers from all taxes on payments which they receive to defray their living costs and on income from sources outside The Gambia, from all custom duties or other charges on their personal property introduced into The Gambia 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 price of equipment, supplies and services.

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 Govern-

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<sup>1</sup> Came into force on 5 December 1966 by the exchange of the said notes.

ment of The Gambia will exempt from all taxes, customs duties and other charges, all such equipment and supplies introduced into or acquired in The Gambia by the Government of the United States, or any contractor financed by it, for use hereunder.

To enable the Government of the United States to discharge its responsibilities under this agreement, the Government of The Gambia 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 The Gambia. The Government of The Gambia will exempt such persons from all taxes on income derived from their Peace Corps work or sources outside The Gambia, 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 The Gambia 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 property introduced into The Gambia for their own use as is accorded personnel of comparable rank or grade of the Embassy of the United States. The Government of The Gambia will accord personnel of the 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 The Gambia for their own use as is accorded Volunteers hereunder.

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

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 The Gambia 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 honour 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, Mr. Prime Minister, the renewed assurance of my highest consideration.

John G. GOSSETT  
Chargé d'Affaires a.i.

Bathurst, November 26, 1966  
The Honourable Sir Dawda Jawara  
The Prime Minister of The Gambia  
Bathurst

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*The Gambia Prime Minister to the American Chargé d'Affaires ad interim*

THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE  
BATHURST, THE GAMBIA

5th December, 1966

Your Excellency,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter No. 20 of 26th November, 1966, carrying proposals for an understanding between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Gambia in respect of citizens of the United States who volunteer to serve in the Peace Corps and who, at the request of the Gambia Government, would live and work for periods of time in the Gambia. The proposals made in your letter referred to above were as follows :

[See note I]

I have the honour to say that the above proposals are entirely acceptable to the Gambia Government and this letter together with your Note No. 20 of 26th November, 1966, conveying the original proposals are regarded by this Government as constituting an agreement between the United States Government and the Government of the Gambia which shall enter into force on the date of this letter 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.

Please accept, Your Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

D. K. JAWARA  
Prime Minister

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Bathurst