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EXCHANGE OF NOTES CONSTITUTING AN AGREEMENT¹
BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND
LESOTHO RELATING TO THE PEACE CORPS

I

DEPARTMENT OF STATE
WASHINGTON

September 22, 1967

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 the Kingdom of Lesotho.

1. The Government of the United States will furnish such Peace Corps Volunteers as may be requested by the Government of the Kingdom of Lesotho and approved by the Government of the United States to perform mutually agreed tasks in the Kingdom of Lesotho. The Volunteers will work under the immediate supervision of governmental or private organizations in the Kingdom of Lesotho 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.

2. The Government of the Kingdom of Lesotho 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 Kingdom of Lesotho; 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 Kingdom of Lesotho will exempt the Volunteers from all taxes on payments which they receive to defray their living costs and on income from sources outside the Kingdom of Lesotho, 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, and will use its best endeavors to secure exemption from all customs duties or other charges on their personal property introduced into the Kingdom of Lesotho for their own use at or about the time of their arrival.

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 are needed to enable the Volunteers to perform their tasks effectively.

¹ Came into force on 22 September 1967, the date of the note in reply, 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 the Kingdom of Lesotho will receive a representative of the Peace Corps and such staff of the representative and such personnel of the United States private organizations performing functions hereunder under contract with the Government of the United States as are acceptable to the Government of the Kingdom of Lesotho. The Government of the Kingdom of Lesotho will exempt such persons from all taxes on income derived from their Peace Corps work or sources outside the Kingdom of Lesotho, 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, and will use its best endeavors to secure exemption from all customs duties or other charges on personal property introduced into the Kingdom of Lesotho for their own use at or about the time of their arrival.

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

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

7. 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 Kingdom of Lesotho 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 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 assurances of my highest consideration.

For the Secretary of State :

Jack H. VAUGHN

His Excellency Chief Leabua Jonathan
Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Lesotho

II

The Lesotho Prime Minister to the American Secretary of State

September 22, 1967

Sir :

I have the honor to refer to your note of today's date which reads as follows :

[See note I]

I have the honor to confirm that the foregoing understandings are acceptable to the Government of the Kingdom of Lesotho. Accordingly, your note and this note shall constitute an agreement between our two governments which shall enter into force on today's date.

Accept, Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Leabua JONATHAN

The Honorable Dean Rusk

Secretary of State of the United States of America