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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
and
MALTA

**Exchange of letters constituting an agreement relating to
the deployment of USS *Shenandoah* to Malta. Valletta,
3 and 16 April 1968**

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**Échange de lettres constituant un accord concernant le
stationnement à Malte du navire *Shenandoah* de la
marine des États-Unis d'Amérique. La Valette, 3 et
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EXCHANGE OF LETTERS CONSTITUTING AN AGREEMENT ¹
BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND
MALTA RELATING TO THE DEPLOYMENT OF USS
SHENANDOAH TO MALTA

I

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

EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

P. 546

Valletta, April 3, 1968

Sir :

I have the honor to refer to the previous deployment in Malta of the United States Sixth Fleet repair ships USS *Cadmus*, USS *Shenandoah*, USS *Cascade* and USS *Yellowstone*, and to inform you that my government now proposes to station the USS *Shenandoah* once again in Malta during the period May 15 through August 15, 1968. I have the honor further to propose that this deployment be regulated by the same arrangements as were applied to the stationing of the USS *Cadmus*,² USS *Shenandoah*,³ USS *Cascade*⁴ and USS *Yellowstone*⁵ as follows :

The following arrangements will regulate for the purpose 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 Harbor to serve as repair vessels or to make repairs during the period of approximately May 15 to August 15, 1968, 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 dependents 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 dependents and contractors of the Force will be exempt from passport and visa requirements and immigration and

¹ Came into force on 16 April 1968 by the exchange of the said letters.

² United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 579, p. 109, and annex A in volume 586.

³ *Ibid.*, vol. 601, p. 125.

⁴ *Ibid.*, vol. 688, No. I-9838.

⁵ *Ibid.*, vol. 693, No. I-9911.

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

(d) no member or dependent 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 licenses 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, 1966 will have effect with respect to the Force and to 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 of omission 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 freely be exported free of duty;

(i) members and their dependents 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 dependents 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.

If the foregoing is acceptable to the Government of Malta, I have the honor 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.

Hugh H. SMYTHE

Mr. Frederick E. Amato-Gauci
Secretary for the Ministry of Commonwealth
and Foreign Affairs
The Old Chancellery
Valletta

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

MINISTRY OF COMMONWEALTH AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS
The Old Chancellery
VALLETTA, MALTA

CFA. 1486/66

16th April, 1968

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter P 546 of 3rd April, 1968, which reads as follows :

[See letter I]

I have the honour to inform you that the foregoing is acceptable to the Government of Malta and that your letter as quoted above and this letter in reply will constitute a correct record of the understanding reached between our respective Government regarding this matter.

Accept, Sir, the assurance of my highest consideration.

F. E. AMATO-GAUCI

His Excellency Mr. Hugh H. Smythe
Ambassador of the United States of America
Malta