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and  
SINGAPORE**

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EXCHANGE OF LETTERS CONSTITUTING AN ARRANGEMENT<sup>1</sup> BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND SINGAPORE CONCERNING TRADE IN COTTON TEXTILES

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MINISTRY OF FINANCE  
SINGAPORE, I.

17th December, 1968

Dear Mr. Ambassador,

I refer to the cotton textile arrangement between our two Governments, signed at Singapore on August 30, 1966<sup>2</sup> and to recent discussions concerning the exports of cotton textiles from Singapore to the United States. I wish to inform you that in accordance with the arrangement reached during the discussions, the Singapore Cotton Textile Industry will voluntarily restrain its exports to the United States in accordance with the Singapore Cotton Textile Restraint Schedule attached to this letter.

2. In view of this action by the Singapore Industry, I propose the following arrangement replacing the arrangement of August 30, 1966, to be effective as of January 1, 1968, concerning this trade:

(1) The Government of the United States of America agrees not to invoke procedures under article 6 (c) and 3 of the Long-Term Arrangements Regarding International Trade in Cotton Textiles<sup>3</sup> to limit cotton textiles exports from Singapore to the United States during the term of this arrangement.

(2) The Government of the Republic of Singapore undertakes that the exports of cotton textiles from Singapore to the United States will be restrained in accordance with the attached voluntary schedule.

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<sup>1</sup> Came into force on 23 December 1968 by the exchange of the said letters, with effect from 1 January 1968, in accordance with their provisions.

<sup>2</sup> United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 616, p. 241.

<sup>3</sup> *Ibid.*, vol. 471, p. 296. As registered by the Executive Secretary of the Contracting Parties to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, this Arrangement is identified in the United Nations *Treaty Series* by the date of its entry into force, i.e., 1 October 1962.

(3) The Government of the United States shall promptly supply the Government of the Republic of Singapore with data on monthly imports of cotton textiles from Singapore. The Government of the Republic of Singapore shall promptly supply the Government of the United States with data on monthly exports of cotton textiles to the United States. Each government agrees to supply promptly any other available statistical data requested by the other government.

(4) The Government of the Republic of Singapore and the Government of the United States agree to consult on any question concerning trade in cotton textiles between our two countries, including levels of exports in categories not given specific limits in the attached schedule and in made-up goods or apparel made from a particular fabric.

(5) If the Government of the Republic of Singapore considers that as a result of the restraints specified in the attached schedule, Singapore is being placed in an inequitable position, vis-a-vis a third country, the Government of the Republic of Singapore may request consultations with the Government of the United States with a view to taking appropriate remedial action such as consent of the Government of the United States to reasonable modification of this arrangement, including the attached schedule.

(6) Mutually satisfactory administrative arrangements or adjustments may be made to resolve minor problems arising in the implementation of this agreement including differences in points of procedures or operation.

(7) This arrangement shall continue in force through December 31, 1970, except that either government may terminate this arrangement effective at the end of any limitation year by written notice to the other government to be given at least 90 days prior to such termination date. Either government may at any time propose revisions in this arrangement including the attached schedule.

3. If this proposal is acceptable to the Government of the United States, I would appreciate your letter of acceptance on behalf of your government.

Yours sincerely,

GOH KENG SWEE  
Minister for Finance

His Excellency Francis J. Galbraith  
Ambassador  
Embassy of the United States of America  
Singapore

SINGAPORE COTTON TEXTILE INDUSTRY RESTRAINT  
SCHEDULE

The Singapore Cotton Textile Industry will restrain its exports of cotton textiles to the United States as follows:

1. During the period January 1, 1968 to December 31, 1970 exports of cotton textiles from Singapore to the United States will be limited to aggregate, group and specific limits at the levels specified below.

2. For the first limitation year, constituting the 12-month period beginning January 1, 1968, the aggregate limit shall be 36,000,000 square yards.

3. Within this aggregate limit the following group limits shall apply for the first limitation year:

	<i>In Square Yards equivalent</i>
Group I: Apparel Categories . . . . . (Categories 39-63)	24,000,000
Group II: All other Categories . . . . .	12,000,000

4. Within the aggregate limit and the applicable group limits, the following specific limits shall apply for the first limitation year:

<i>Category</i>	<i>Quantity</i>	<i>Unit</i>	<i>In Square Yards equivalent</i>
Apparel Categories (Group I):			
42 . . . . .	70,000	Doz.	506,380
43 . . . . .	110,000	Doz.	795,740
45 . . . . .	60,000	Doz.	1,331,160
46 . . . . .	50,000	Doz.	1,222,850
47 . . . . .	40,000	Doz.	887,440
48 . . . . .	10,000	Doz.	500,000
49 . . . . .	20,000	Doz.	650,000
50 . . . . .	160,000	Doz.	2,847,520
51 . . . . .	70,000	Doz.	1,245,790
52 . . . . .	30,000	Doz.	435,900
53 . . . . .	13,000	Doz.	588,900
54 . . . . .	56,000	Doz.	1,400,000
55 . . . . .	36,000	Doz.	1,836,000
60 . . . . .	175,000	Doz.	9,093,000
62 . . . . .	110,000	Lb.	506,000

<i>Category</i>	<i>Quantity</i>	<i>Unit</i>	<i>In Square Yards equivalent</i>
All Other Categories (Group II):			
9/10 . . . . .	1,250,000	Sq. yds.	1,250,000
22/23 . . . . .	1,000,000	Sq. yds.	1,000,000
26 . . . . .	2,270,000	Sq. yds.	2,270,000
	(of which not more than 1,500,000 Sq. yds. in duck)		
31 Shoptowels . . . . .	15,230,000	Pos.	5,300,040
31 Other . . . . .	2,011,000	Pos.	699,828

5. (a) Within the aggregate limit the limit for Group I may be exceeded by five per cent, and the limit for Group II may be exceeded by 10 per cent.

(b) Within the applicable group limit (as it may be adjusted under this paragraph) specific limits may be exceeded by five per cent.

6. (a) If it appears that cotton textile exports from Singapore to the United States in any category for which no specific limit is applicable are likely to exceed the consultation level specified below for any limitation year, the industry shall notify the Government of the Republic of Singapore. Until the industry has been informed that the Government of the Republic of Singapore and the United States Government have consulted on the effect of such shipments on conditions of the United States domestic market in the category in question and have concluded such consultations on a mutually satisfactory basis, these exports shall be limited to the consultation level. For the first limitation year, the consultation level for categories in Group I shall be 385,875 square yards, and for categories in Group II, shall be 500,000 square yards.

(b) In the event that the United States Government requests consultations with the Government of the Republic of Singapore concerning undue concentration in exports from Singapore to the United States in made-up goods or apparel made from a particular fabric, these exports will be limited until the two Governments reach a mutually satisfactory solution. The limit shall be on the basis of the 12-month period beginning on the date the United States Government requests consultations under this paragraph and shall be 105 per cent of the exports of such products from Singapore to the United States during the most recent 12-month period preceding the request for consultation and for which statistics were available to the two Governments on the date of the request. Any exports limited pursuant to this

paragraph shall also be counted against all other applicable limits specified in this schedule.

7. In the second and succeeding 12-month periods that any limitation is applicable under this schedule, the level of exports permitted under that limitation shall be increased by five per cent over the corresponding level for the preceding 12-month period. The corresponding level for the preceding 12-month period shall not include any adjustments under paragraphs 5 or 8.

8. (a) For any limitation year subsequent to the first limitation year and immediately following a year of a shortfall (i.e., a year in which cotton textile exports from Singapore to the United States were below the aggregate limit and any group and specific limits applicable to the category concerned) exports may be permitted to exceed these limits by carryover in the following amounts and manner:

- (i) The carryover shall not exceed the amount of the shortfall in either the aggregate limit or any applicable group or specific limit and shall not exceed either 5 per cent of the aggregate limit or 5 per cent of the applicable group limit in the year of the shortfall, and
- (ii) in the case of shortfalls in the categories subject to specific limits the carryover shall be used in the same category in which the shortfall occurred and shall not exceed 5 per cent of the specific limit in the year of the shortfall, and
- (iii) in the case of shortfalls not attributable to categories subject to specific limits, the carryover shall be used in the same group in which the shortfall occurred, shall not be used to exceed any applicable limit except in accordance with the provisions in paragraph 5 and shall be subject to the provisions of paragraph 6 of this schedule.

(b) The limits referred to in subparagraph (a) of this paragraph are without any adjustments under this paragraph or paragraph 5.

(c) The carryover shall be in addition to the exports permitted in paragraph 5.

9. Cotton textile exports from Singapore to the United States within each category shall be spaced as evenly as practicable throughout the limitation year, taking into consideration normal seasonal factors.

10. In view of the special circumstances in 1968, including revision in the term of the schedule: (a) the quantity of 299,000 square yards shall be charged against the specific limit applicable to categories 22/23 in 1968 as compensation for overshipments during the 12 month period beginning April 1, 1967; and (b) Notwithstanding the limit provided for in paragraph 4, exports in 1968 only, in categories 9/10, may be permitted to total 1,800,000 square yards, provided the aggregate limit and the Group II limit are not exceeded. The provisions of paragraphs 5 and 8 shall not apply to categories 9/10 with regard to the year 1968.

11. In implementing this schedule the system of categories and the rates of conversion into square yard equivalents listed in the annex hereto shall apply. In any situation where the determination of an article to be a cotton textile would be affected by whether the criterion provided for in Article 9 of the Long-Term Arrangement is used or the criterion provided for in paragraph 2 of Annex E of the Long-Term Arrangement is used, the chief value criterion used by the Government of the United States of America in accordance with paragraph 2 of Annex E shall apply.

## ANNEX

## COTTON TEXTILE CATEGORIES AND CONVERSION FACTORS

<i>Category</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Unit</i>	<i>Conversion Factor (Square Yards)</i>
1	Yarn, carded, singles . . . . .	Lb.	4.6
2	Yarn, carded, plied . . . . .	Lb.	4.6
3	Yarn, combed, singles . . . . .	Lb.	4.6
4	Yarn, combed, plied . . . . .	Lb.	4.6
5	Gingham, carded . . . . .	Sq. yds.	1.0
6	Gingham, combed . . . . .	Sq. yds.	1.0
7	Velveteen . . . . .	Sq. yds.	1.0
8	Corduroy . . . . .	Sq. yds.	1.0
9	Sheeting, carded . . . . .	Sq. yds.	1.0
10	Sheeting, combed . . . . .	Sq. yds.	1.0
11	Lawn, carded . . . . .	Sq. yds.	1.0
12	Lawn, combed . . . . .	Sq. yds.	1.0
13	Voile, carded . . . . .	Sq. yds.	1.0
14	Voile, combed . . . . .	Sq. yds.	1.0
15	Poplin and broadcloth, carded . . . . .	Sq. yds.	1.0

<i>Category</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Unit</i>	<i>Conversion Factor (Square Yards)</i>
16	Poplin and broadcloth, combed . . . . .	Sq. yds.	1.0
17	Typewriter ribbon cloth . . . . .	Sq. yds.	1.0
18	Print cloth, shirting type, 80 × 80 type, carded	Sq. yds.	1.0
19	Print cloth, shirting type, other than 80 × 80 type, carded . . . . .	Sq. yds.	1.0
20	Shirting, Jacquard or dobby, carded . . . . .	Sq. yds.	1.0
21	Shirting, Jacquard or dobby, combed . . . . .	Sq. yds.	1.0
22	Twill and sateen, carded . . . . .	Sq. yds.	1.0
23	Twill and sateen, combed . . . . .	Sq. yds.	1.0
24	Woven fabric, n.e.s., yarn dyed carded . . . . .	Sq. yds.	1.0
25	Woven fabric, n.e.s., yarn dyed combed . . . . .	Sq. yds.	1.0
26	Woven fabric, other, carded . . . . .	Sq. yds.	1.0
27	Woven fabric, other, combed . . . . .	Sq. yds.	1.0
28	Pillowcases, carded . . . . .	No.	1.084
29	Pillowcases, combed . . . . .	No.	1.084
30	Dish towels . . . . .	No.	.348
31	Other towels . . . . .	No.	.348
32	Handkerchiefs, whether or not in the piece	Doz.	1.66
33	Table damask and manufactures . . . . .	Lb.	3.17
34	Sheets, carded . . . . .	No.	6.2
35	Sheets, combed . . . . .	No.	6.2
36	Bedspreads and quilts . . . . .	No.	6.9
37	Braided and woven elastics . . . . .	Lb.	4.6
38	Fishing nets and fish netting . . . . .	Lb.	4.6
39	Gloves and mittens . . . . .	Doz. Prs.	3.527
40	Hose and half hose . . . . .	Doz. Prs.	4.6
41	T-shirts, all white, knit, men's and boys' . . . . .	Doz.	7.234
42	T-shirts, other, knit . . . . .	Doz.	7.234
43	Shirts, knit, other than T-shirts and sweat-shirts . . . . .	Doz.	7.234
44	Sweaters and cardigans . . . . .	Doz.	36.8
45	Shirts, dress, not knit, men's and boys' . . . . .	Doz.	22.186



<i>Category</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Unit</i>	<i>Conversion Factor (Square Yards)</i>
46	Shirts, sport, not knit, men's and boys' . . .	Doz.	24.457
47	Shirts, work, not knit, men's and boys' . . .	Doz.	22.186
48	Raincoats, $\frac{3}{4}$ length or longer, not knit . . .	Doz.	50.0
49	Other coats, not knit . . . . .	Doz.	32.5
50	Trousers, slacks and shorts (outer), not knit, men's and boys' . . . . .	Doz.	17.797
51	Trousers, slacks and shorts (outer), not knit, women's, girls' and infants' . . . . .	Doz.	17.797
52	Blouses, not knit . . . . .	Doz.	14.53
53	Dresses (including uniforms), not knit . . . . .	Doz.	45.3
54	Playsuits, washsuits, sunsuits, creepers, rompers, etc., not knit, n.e.s. . . . .	Doz.	25.0
55	Dressing gowns, including bathrobes, beach robes, lounge robes, housecoats and dust-ers, not knit . . . . .	Doz.	51.0
56	Undershirts, knit, men's and boys' . . . . .	Doz.	9.2
57	Briefs and undershorts, men's and boys' . . . . .	Doz.	11.25
58	Drawers, shorts and briefs, knit, n.e.s. . . . .	Doz.	5.0
59	All other underwear, not knit . . . . .	Doz.	16.0
60	Pajamas and other nightwear . . . . .	Doz.	51.96
61	Brassieres and other body-supporting gar-ments . . . . .	Doz.	4.75
62	Wearing apparel, knit, n.e.s. . . . .	Lb.	4.6
63	Wearing apparel, not knit, n.e.s. . . . .	Lb.	4.6
64	All other cotton textiles . . . . .	Lb.	4.6

Apparel items exported in sets shall be recorded under separate categories of the component items.

## II

*The American Ambassador to the Minister for Finance of Singapore*

Singapore, December 23, 1968

Dear Mr. Minister:

I acknowledge the receipt of your letter of December 17, 1968 with attachment proposing an agreement between our two Governments, to be effective as of January 1, 1968, concerning the export of cotton textiles from Singapore to the United States.

I accept, on behalf of the Government of the United States of America, the proposal contained in your letter.

Sincerely,

Francis J. GALBRAITH  
AmbassadorDr. Goh Keng Swee  
Minister for Finance  
Singapore

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