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BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND
TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO RELATING TO THE PEACE
CORPS

I

Port of Spain, July 11, 1969

Sir :

I have the honor to refer to recent conversations between representatives of our two Governments with regard to the training in Trinidad and Tobago of United States Peace Corps Volunteers for service in other countries, and to propose that future Peace Corps training activities be governed by the following understandings :

(1) The training programs normally will be of two types :

(a) Practical field work for trainees who have undergone initial preparation for service in Africa at the Peace Corps Training Centers in St. Croix and St. Thomas, and (b) training of Volunteers for service in the other English-speaking Caribbean countries. Training will normally consist of a three to eight week course for fewer than 100 trainees. Training programs may overlap so that for short periods as many as 200 to 250 volunteers might be present in Trinidad and Tobago.

(2) Training will be accomplished through mutually agreeable arrangements made between the Peace Corps or its contractor and governmental or private institutions in Trinidad and Tobago. Training programs will be arranged so as not to interfere significantly with the normal functions of these institutions. For each project the Peace Corps or its contractor will provide supervisory staff who will be responsible for all aspects of the training program.

(3) Prior to the initiation of a training project, the Embassy of the United States will provide the Ministry of External Affairs of Trinidad and Tobago with a brief description of the project, indicating its duration, the private contracting institution, if any, the local cooperating institution or individuals, and the names of the trainees, the project supervisor, and any other United States or third country training personnel to be associated with the training activity in Trinidad and Tobago.

¹ Came into force on 21 July 1969, the date of the note in reply, in accordance with the provisions of the said notes.

(4) The Government of Trinidad and Tobago will accord equitable treatment to the Peace Corps trainees and training personnel, including private citizens of the United States or third countries employed by contracting institutions or under contract to the Peace Corps, and to their property; and will consult with representatives of the Government of the United States with respect to all matters concerning them.

(5) All equipment and supplies introduced into Trinidad and Tobago by the Government of the United States, or by any contractor financed by it, for use hereunder, will be exempt, by the Government of Trinidad and Tobago, from all taxes, customs duties and other charges. Any equipment admitted into Trinidad and Tobago free of duty for a specific project or projects, will be re-shipped on the completion of the particular project or projects, or, all duties and taxes will become payable in the event that such equipment is sold in Trinidad and Tobago to private entities. This exemption from taxes, customs duties and other charges will not include exemption from registration and license fees for motor vehicles.

(6) Representatives of the two Governments may make from time to time arrangements with respect to Peace Corps trainees and the training programs in Trinidad and Tobago 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 reply note concurring therein shall constitute an agreement between our two Governments which shall enter into force on the date of your note. This agreement shall remain in force for three years but may be terminated before the end of the period ninety days after the date of written notification from either Government to the other of intention to terminate it.

Accept, Mr. Minister, the renewed assurance of my highest consideration.

Robert B. ELWOOD
Chargé d'Affaires ad interim

The Honorable A.N.R. Robinson
Minister of External Affairs
Port of Spain

II

21 July 1969

Sir,

I have the honour to refer to you letter dated 11 July 1969, which reads as follows:

[See note I]

I have the honour to confirm that the above-mentioned proposals are acceptable to the Government of Trinidad and Tobago and that your letter together with this reply, shall be regarded as constituting an agreement between our two Governments effective from the date of this reply.

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

Arthur N. R. ROBINSON
Minister of External Affairs

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