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**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
and
REPUBLIC OF CHINA**

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*The American Ambassador to the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic
of China*

Taipei, June 11, 1969

No. 9

Excellency:

I have the honor to refer to the Ministry's letter of January 31, 1969 regarding the extensions of the loans of certain naval vessels discussed below.

(1) USS *Benson* (DD-421) and USS *Hilary P. Jones* (DD-427)

The loans of these two destroyers were made pursuant to the agreement between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of China, effected by an exchange of notes signed at Taipei on January 13, 1954, ² as extended by the exchange of notes signed at Taipei September 22, 1959, ³ and as further extended by the exchange of notes signed at Taipei on February 23, 1965 ⁴. The loans of these two destroyers were scheduled to expire on February 26, 1969.

(2) USS *Plunkett* (DD-431)

The loan of this destroyer was made pursuant to the agreement between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of China, effected by an exchange of notes signed at Taipei February 7, 1959, ⁵ as extended by the exchange of notes signed at Taipei on February 23, 1965 ⁶. The loan of this destroyer was scheduled to expire on February 16, 1969.

¹ Came into force on 18 June 1969, the date of the note in reply, in accordance with the provisions of the said notes.

² United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 223, p. 112.

³ *Ibid.*, vol. 358, p. 296.

⁴ *Ibid.*, vol. 542, p. 361.

⁵ *Ibid.*, vol. 341, p. 225.

⁶ *Ibid.*, vol. 542, p. 376.

I now have the honor to inform Your Excellency that in response to the request of the Government of the Republic of China, the Government of the United States agrees to extend further the loans of the three destroyers in question for an additional period of five years from the original dates of their respective delivery under the same terms and conditions of the agreements pertaining to them referred to above. Accordingly, the new expiration dates for these destroyers will be as follows:

<i>Name of Vessel</i>	<i>No. of Vessel</i>	<i>Expiration date</i>
USS <i>Benson</i>	DD-421	February 26, 1974
USS <i>Hilary P. Jones</i>	DD-427	February 26, 1974
USS <i>Plunkett</i>	DD-431	February 16, 1974

If the foregoing is acceptable to the Government of the Republic of China, I have the further honor to propose that Your Excellency's reply to that effect and my note shall constitute an agreement for the extensions of the loans of the three destroyers concerned, which shall enter into force on the date of Your Excellency's reply.

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

Walter P. McCONAUGHY

[SEAL]

His Excellency Wei Tao-Ming
Minister of Foreign Affairs
Taipei

[TRANSLATION ¹ — TRADUCTION ²]

The Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of China to the American Ambassador

Taipei June 18, 1969

No. Wai (58) Mei-I-10363

Excellency:

I have the honor to refer to your Embassy's note No. 9 of June 11, 1969, the text of which, translated into Chinese, reads as follows:

[See note I]

In reply I have the honor to inform Your Excellency that my Government considers the proposals contained in the note transcribed above to be acceptable, and, consequently, it agrees that the aforesaid note and this reply shall constitute an agreement between the Government of the Republic of China and the Government of the United States of America, which shall enter into force on this date.

I avail myself of this opportunity to renew to Your Excellency the assurances of my highest consideration.

WEI TAO-MING

His Excellency Walter P. McConaughy
Ambassador of the United States of America
Taipei

¹ Translation by the Government of the United States of America.

² Traduction du Gouvernement des États-Unis d'Amérique.