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**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
and
SINGAPORE**

Exchange of letters constituting an agreement for the continued application to Singapore of the United States-United Kingdom Treaty of December 22, 1931 concerning extradition. Singapore, 23 April and 10 June 1969

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**ÉTATS-UNIS D'AMÉRIQUE
et
SINGAPOUR**

Échange de lettres constituant un accord prévoyant le maintien en vigueur à l'égard de Singapour du Traité d'extradition du 22 décembre 1931 entre les États-Unis d'Amérique et le Royaume-Uni. Singapour, 23 avril et 10 juin 1969

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EXCHANGE OF LETTERS CONSTITUTING AN AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND SINGAPORE FOR THE CONTINUED APPLICATION TO SINGAPORE OF THE UNITED STATES/ UNITED KINGDOM TREATY OF DECEMBER 22, 1931² CONCERNING EXTRADITION

I

*The Acting Deputy Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
of Singapore, to the American Chargé d'Affaires ad interim*

MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS,
SINGAPORE

23rd April, 1969

MFA. 072: 521/13

Dear Mr. Bruns,

The other day you raised the possible extradition of certain persons wanted in the United States for crimes committed there. In that connection, I have been told that under section 3 (1) of our Extradition Act, 1968 (No. 14 of 1968) it is in effect provided that the United States is a foreign state to which Part II of the Act applies, subject to such conditions as may be contained in the Treaty signed on the 22nd of December, 1931,² between the United States and the United Kingdom.

2. In view of the changed constitutional position of Singapore to that of a sovereign independent State, it is necessary to have confirmation from your Government that the said Treaty, signed between the United States and the United Kingdom, which was extended to Singapore by Article 15 thereof, still continues to be binding on our two countries, subject to such necessary formal amendments. You will appreciate that this confirmation is necessary as extradition must necessarily work on the basis of reciprocity.

¹ Came into force on 10 June 1969 by the exchange of the said letters.

² League of Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. CLXIII, p. 59.

3. I would appreciate if you would kindly obtain clarification from your Government as to whether it is also their understanding that the Treaty concluded on 22nd December, 1931 between your Government and the United Kingdom and extended to Singapore continues to be binding on our two countries.

Thank you,

Yours sincerely,

S. R. NATHAN

Mr. William H. Bruns
Chargé d'Affaires ad interim
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Singapore 6

II

*The American Chargé d'Affaires ad interim to the Acting Deputy Secretary,
Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Singapore*

Singapore, June 10, 1969

Dear Mr. Nathan:

I refer to your letter (MFA. 072:521/13) dated April 23, 1969 in which you informed the Embassy that under section 3 (1) of Singapore's Extradition Act (No. 14 of 1968) it is in effect provided that the United States is a foreign state to which Part II of the Act applies, subject to the conditions set forth in the Treaty signed at London on December 22, 1931 between the United States and the United Kingdom.

You requested confirmation from the Government of the United States, in view of the changed constitutional position of Singapore to a sovereign state, that the aforementioned Treaty was extended to Singapore by reason of Article 15 thereof, and that it continues to be binding on our countries, subject to any necessary formal amendments.

I have been authorized by the Department of State to inform you that the Government of the United States considers the extradition treaty between the United States and the United Kingdom signed at London on December 22, 1931 to be in full force and effect between the United States and the Republic of Singapore.

Sincerely yours,

William H. BRUNS

Chargé d'Affaires

Mr. S. R. Nathan
Acting Deputy Secretary
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