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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
and
MALTA

**Exchange of notes constituting an agreement for the
deployment in Malta of the USS *Shenandoah*.
Valletta, 13 and 23 April 1970**

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**Échange de notes constituant un accord concernant le
stationnement à Malte du navire *Shenandoah*, de la
marine des États-Unis. La Valette, 13 et 23 avril 1970**

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EXCHANGE OF NOTES CONSTITUTING AN AGREEMENT¹
BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND
MALTA FOR THE DEPLOYMENT IN MALTA OF THE
USS *SHENANDOAH*

I

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

April 13, 1970

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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*, USS *Yellowstone*, USS *Everglades* and USS *Grand Canyon*, the last from August 14 to October 17, 1969. I have the honor to inform you that my government now proposes to station the USS *Shenandoah* in Malta during the period June 5 through August 24, 1970. I have the honor further to propose that this deployment be regulated by the same arrangements as were applied to the stationing of the previous repair ships 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 June 5 to August 24, 1970, 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

¹ Came into force on 23 April 1970 by the exchange of the said notes.

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 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 requiring 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 on request) or a passport showing their status for the purposes of this paragraph, which will be produced when production is requested by a Maltese authority 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 license or other restriction and free of duty, equipment, provisions, supplies and other goods required by the Force or required for consumption on boards 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 license 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.

In view of the lengthy and complex advance planning necessary, we would appreciate the earliest reply possible to this request.

Accept, Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

John C. PRITZLAFF Jr.

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

MINISTRY OF COMMONWEALTH
AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS
VALLETTA, MALTA

23 April, 1970

CFA 1486/66

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter P-56 of 13th April, 1970, which reads as follows :

[See note 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 Governments regarding this matter.

Accept, Sir, the assurance of my highest consideration.

J. M. ROSSIGNAUD

His Excellency Mr. John C. Pritzlaff Jr.
Ambassador of the United States
of America
Malta
