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**NEW ZEALAND  
and  
WESTERN SAMOA**

**Exchange of letters constituting an agreement concerning the  
operation of meteorological and geophysical programmes in  
Western Samoa. Apia, 12 August 1970**

*Authentic text : English.*

*Registered by New Zealand on 16 March 1972.*

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**NOUVELLE-ZÉLANDE  
et  
SAMOA-OCIDENTAL**

**Échange de lettres constituant un accord concernant l'exécution de  
programmes de météorologie et de géophysique au Samoa-  
Occidental. Apia, 12 août 1970**

*Texte authentique : anglais.*

*Enregistré par la Nouvelle-Zélande le 16 mars 1972.*

EXCHANGE OF LETTERS CONSTITUTING AN AGREEMENT<sup>1</sup> BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF NEW ZEALAND AND THE GOVERNMENT OF WESTERN SAMOA CONCERNING THE OPERATION OF METEOROLOGICAL AND GEOPHYSICAL PROGRAMMES IN WESTERN SAMOA

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*The High Commissioner for New Zealand in Western Samoa  
to the Prime Minister of Western Samoa*

OFFICE OF THE HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR NEW ZEALAND

Apia, 12 August 1970

Your Excellency,

I have the honour to refer to discussions between representatives of our two Governments concerning arrangements for the continued operation of meteorological and geophysical programmes in Western Samoa after 31 December 1969.

I now have the honour to propose that an agreement should be concluded between our two Governments in the following terms :

1. For the period from 1 January 1970 to 31 December 1972 :
  - (a) The Government of Western Samoa will continue to increase its contribution to the total cost of the meteorological programme by paying an additional sum of \$1,000 in each year;
  - (b) The Government of New Zealand will continue in each year to meet the balance of the operating costs of the meteorological programme which remains after the Government of Western Samoa has paid its share of the costs. The balance shall be met from funds taken from the Aid Programme.
  - (c) The Government of New Zealand will continue to provide appropriate advisory support for the meteorological programme.
2. As from 1 January 1970 :
  - (a) The Government of New Zealand will continue to be responsible for the operation and financing of the geophysical programme and will retain ownership of all equipment, instruments and consumable stores (including the motor vehicle) which have been or may be provided by the Government of New Zealand for the purposes of the geophysical programme.
  - (b) The Government of Western Samoa will allow the seismic vault at Afiamalu

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<sup>1</sup> Came into force on 12 August 1970 by the exchange of the said letters, with retroactive effect from 1 January 1970, in accordance with their provisions.

to be used solely for purposes associated with the geophysical programme. The Government of New Zealand, its officers and employees, shall be accorded unrestricted use, free of charge, of the seismic vault, the buildings and dwelling house at Apia Observatory and such equipment and instruments as may be required, for purposes associated with the geophysical programme.

- (c) The provisions of this paragraph shall be terminable upon either Government's giving to the other Government twelve months' notice of its desire to terminate them.

If the foregoing proposals are acceptable to the Government of Western Samoa, I have the honour to suggest that the present letter and Your Excellency's reply in similar terms should constitute an agreement between our two Governments, with effect from 1 January 1970 and that the Exchange of Letters constituting an agreement concerning meteorological and geophysical programmes in Western Samoa, dated 31 December 1963,<sup>1</sup> should be regarded as having been terminated on 31 December 1969.

I have the honour to be, Sir, Your Excellency's obedient servant,

R. B. TAYLOR

## II

*The Prime Minister of Western Samoa to the High Commissioner  
for New Zealand in Western Samoa*

OFFICE OF THE PRIME MINISTER  
APIA, WESTERN SAMOA

12 August 1970

Your Excellency,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated 12 August 1970, the text of which reads as follows :

[See letter I]

I have the honour to inform Your Excellency that the Government of Western Samoa accepts the foregoing proposals and regards Your Excellency's letter and this present reply as constituting an agreement between our two Governments, with effect from 1 January 1970. It is also agreed that the Exchange of Letters constituting an agreement concerning meteorological and geophysical programmes in Western Samoa, dated 31 December 1963, should be regarded as having been terminated on 31 December 1969.

I have the honour to be, Sir, Your Excellency's obedient servant,

TUPUA TAMASESE LEALOFI IV

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<sup>1</sup> United Nations *Treaty Series*, vol. 521, p. 163.