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EXCHANGE OF NOTES CONSTITUTING AN AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND BAHRAIN RELATING TO THE PEACE CORPS

I

AMERICAN EMBASSY MANAMA

No. 70

April 24, 1973

Excellency:

I have the honor to refer to recent conversations between representatives of our two Governments and to propose the following understandings with respect to the men and women of the United States of America who volunteer to serve in the Peace Corps and who, at the request of your Government, would live and work for periods of time in Bahrain.

1. The Government of the United States will furnish such Peace Corps Volunteers as may be requested by the Government of Bahrain and approved by the Government of the United States to perform mutually agreed tasks in Bahrain. The Volunteers will work under the immediate supervision of governmental or private organizations in Bahrain designated by our two Governments. The Government of the United States will provide training to enable the Volunteers to perform more effectively these agreed tasks.

2. The Government of Bahrain will accord equitable treatment to the Volunteers and their property; afford them full aid and protection, including treatment no less favorable than that accorded generally to foreign nationals residing in Bahrain.

3. The volunteers shall give due respect to the laws and customs of the host country and shall be subject, in all matters affecting them, to the jurisdiction of the national courts. However, the Government of Bahrain shall inform and consult with representatives of the Government of the United States with respect to such matters concerning them, provided that no action shall be taken by the representatives of the Government of the United States which would interfere with the normal process of the law in relation to such volunteers.

4. The Government of Bahrain will exempt the Volunteers from all taxes on payments which they receive to defray their living costs and on income from sources outside Bahrain, from all customs duties or other charges on their personal property introduced into Bahrain for their own use at or about the time of their arrival, and from all other taxes or other charges (including immigration fees) except license fees and taxes and other charges included in the prices of equipment, supplies and services.

5. The Government of the United States will provide the Volunteers with such limited amounts of equipment and supplies as our two Governments may agree are needed to enable the Volunteers to perform their tasks effectively. The Government of Bahrain will exempt from all taxes, customs duties and other charges, all equipment and supplies introduced into or acquired in Bahrain by the Government of the United States, or any contractor financed by it, for use hereunder.

6. To enable the Government of the United States to discharge its responsibilities under this

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agreement, the Government of Bahrain will receive a representative of the Peace Corps and such staff of the representative and such personnel of United States private organizations performing functions hereunder under contract with the Government of the United States as are acceptable to the Government of Bahrain. The Government of Bahrain will exempt such persons from all taxes on income derived from their Peace Corps work or sources outside Bahrain, and from all other taxes or other charges (including immigration fees) except license fees and taxes and other charges included in the prices of equipment, supplies and services. The Government of Bahrain will accord the Peace Corps representative and his staff the same treatment with respect to the payment of customs duties or other charges on personal property introduced into Bahrain for their own use as is accorded personnel of comparable rank or grade of the Mission of the United States, and will accord such personnel of United States private organizations performing functions hereunder the same treatment with respect to the payment of customs duties or other charges on personal property introduced into Bahrain for their own use as is accorded volunteers hereunder.

7. The Government of Bahrain will exempt from investment and deposit requirements and currency controls all funds introduced into Bahrain for use hereunder by the Government of the United States or contractors financed by it. Such funds shall be convertible into currency of Bahrain at the highest rate which is not unlawful in Bahrain.

8. Appropriate representatives of our two Governments may make from time to time such arrangements with respect to Peace Corps Volunteers and Peace Corps programs in Bahrain as appear necessary or desirable for the purpose of implementing this agreement. The undertakings of each Government herein are subject to the availability of funds and to the applicable laws of that Government.

I have the further honor to propose that, if these understandings are acceptable to your Government, this note and your Government's reply note concurring therein shall constitute an agreement between our two Governments which shall enter into force on the date of your Government's note and shall remain in force until ninety days after the date of the written notification from either Government to the other of intention to terminate it.

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

[Signed]
ROBERT A. STEIN
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His Excellency Shaikh Mohamed bin Mubarak Al-Khalifa
Minister of Foreign Affairs
State of Bahrain

II

THE STATE OF BAHRAIN
MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

June 12, 1973

Excellency,

I have the pleasure to refer to Your Excellency's note dated April 24, 1973, which reads as follows:

[See note I]

I wish to confirm that these understandings are acceptable to the Government of the State of Bahrain.

Accordingly, I also confirm that Your Excellency's note and the present note shall be regarded as constituting an agreement between the Government of Bahrain and the Government of the United States in this matter.

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

[Signed]

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State of Bahrain

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Manama
