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**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
and
KUWAIT**

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EXCHANGE OF NOTES CONSTITUTING AN AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN
THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND KUWAIT RELATING TO
THE PROVISION OF DEFENSE ARTICLES AND SERVICES AND
ESTABLISHMENT OF A LIAISON OFFICE

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The American Ambassador to the Kuwaiti Minister of Foreign Affairs

Kuwait, February 24, 1975

No. 70

Excellency:

I have the honor to refer to recent conversations between representatives of our two governments concerning the procurement of defense articles and defense services from the Government of the United States by the Government of Kuwait for its internal security and legitimate self-defense and to confirm the following understandings reached as a result of such conversations:

1. The United States of America will, subject to United States laws and regulations applicable to foreign military sales, make available to the State of Kuwait such defense articles and defense services as their respective governments may agree upon from time to time.

2. (A) The United States may send and the Government of Kuwait will receive military and civilian personnel of the Government of the United States who shall discharge this Agreement. Such personnel, as part of the Embassy of the United States of America, shall constitute the U.S. Liaison Office, Kuwait and will operate under the overall direction of the Chief of the Diplomatic Mission of the United States of America. The Chief of the Liaison Office and, under him, the senior officer of each of the U.S. armed forces who are permanently assigned and accompanying members of their families, not nationals of Kuwait, shall be accorded the diplomatic privileges and immunities accorded agents under the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations of April 18, 1961.² All other such personnel of the United States Government, including personnel temporarily assigned to Kuwait and accompanying members of their families, not nationals of Kuwait, shall be accorded the treatment to which members of the administrative and technical staff of diplomatic missions are entitled under the Vienna Convention.

(B) In accordance with arrangements to be agreed upon between representatives of the Government of Kuwait and the United States, the Government of Kuwait shall provide such facilities, compensation and support as may be mutually agreed upon for United States Government personnel assigned to or present in Kuwait pursuant to paragraph 2(A) above.

3. If these understandings are acceptable to Your Excellency's Government, I propose that this note and Your Excellency's note in reply concurring therein shall constitute an Agreement between our two governments effective as of the date of Your Excellency's reply. Such Agreement shall remain in force until one year after receipt by either government of written notice of the intention of the other government to terminate

¹ Came into force on 15 April 1975, the date of the note in reply, in accordance with the provisions of the said notes.

² United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 500, p. 95.

it. At the request of either government, representatives of the two governments will consult regarding any matter relating to the application or amendment of this Agreement.

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

WILLIAM A. STOLTZFUS, Jr.

His Excellency Shaikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber
Minister of Foreign Affairs
Kuwait

[TRANSLATION — TRADUCTION]

The Kuwaiti Minister of Foreign Affairs to the Secretary of State

MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS
THE MINISTER

4/15/75

Excellency:

In reply to your note of February 24, 1975 concerning the procurement by the Government of Kuwait of defense articles and defense services from the Government of the United States, I have the honor to confirm the understanding achieved, to which you refer in your note.

I also have the honor to state that the exchange of these notes between us constitutes an Agreement between the parties concerned effective as of the date of this note.

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

SABAH AL-AHMAD AL-JABER
Minister of Foreign Affairs

His Excellency Dr. Henry Kissinger
Secretary of State
The United States of America
