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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
and
LAOS

Memorandum of Understanding relating to military assistance: payments under Foreign Assistance Act of 1973. Signed at Vientiane on 31 May 1974

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ÉTATS-UNIS D'AMÉRIQUE
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Mémoire d'accord relatif à la fourniture d'une assistance militaire : paiements en vertu de la loi sur l'aide à l'étranger de 1973. Signé à Vientiane le 31 mai 1974

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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING,¹ MAY 31, 1974

The Minister of Defense of the Provisional Government of National Union of Laos, His Excellency Chao Sisouk na Champassak, and the Ambassador of the United States of America to the Kingdom of Laos, the Honorable Charles S. Whitehouse, have discussed section 505(F) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1973, which prohibits the United States Government from furnishing defense articles on a grant basis to the Government of Laos or any other Government unless the Government of Laos shall have agreed to pay to the United States Government the net proceeds of sale received by the Government of Laos in disposing of defense articles so furnished.

In accordance with this new statutory provision, the Provisional Government of National Union of Laos agrees that the net proceeds of sale received by the Government of Laos in disposing of any weapon, weapons system, munition, aircraft, military boat, military vessel, or other defense article, including scrap from any such defense articles, received heretofore or hereafter under the Military Assistance Program of the United States Government will be paid to the United States Government and shall be available to pay all official costs of the United States Government payable in the currency of the Government of Laos, including all costs relating to the financing of international education and cultural exchange activities in which the Government of Laos participates.

It is understood that this Agreement does not affect any prior agreement by the Government of Laos to return to the United States Government any defense articles furnished by the United States Government on a grant basis when such articles are no longer needed for the purposes for which they were furnished, without the consent of the United States Government to another disposition.

On behalf of the United States Government and the Provisional Government of National Union of Laos, the undersigned representatives have agreed that the present Memorandum of Understanding shall constitute an agreement on this subject, to be effective from and after July 1, 1974.

[Signed]

CHARLES S. WHITEHOUSE
Ambassador
United States of America

[Signed]

CHAO SISOUK NA CHAMPASSAK
Minister of Defense
Provisional Government
of National Union of Laos

¹ Came into force on 31 May 1974 by signature, with effect from 1 July 1974, in accordance with its provisions.