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EXCHANGE OF NOTES CONSTITUTING AN AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND BAHRAIN RELATING TO THE STATUS OF ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT UNIT PERSONNEL

I

The American Ambassador to the Bahraini Minister of Foreign Affairs

Manama, June 28, 1977

Excellency:

I have the honor to refer to recent discussions between our two Governments culminating in the Agreement of June 27, 1977, to terminate as of June 30, 1977, the Agreement of December 23, 1971², concerning the deployment in Bahrain of the United States Middle East Force. My Government proposes that the provisions of Article Two and Articles Four through Twelve (as amended herein) of the terminated Agreement of December 23, 1971, and procedures for implementing Articles Eight and Eleven thereof, as contained in the Exchange of notes between our two Governments of July 31, 1975³, shall nevertheless continue to be applied by Bahraini authorities in the course of dealing with the status of those U.S. Department of Defense personnel who may reside in or visit Bahrain after June 30, 1977, for purposes related to the functions of the Administrative Support Unit.

My Government further proposes that wherever the phrase "United States Force" appears in the aforementioned Articles, the phrase "Administrative Support Unit" be substituted. In addition, Articles Four and Twelve should be amended to read as follows:

"4. Passport and visa requirements shall be applicable to personnel of the Administrative Support Unit with the exception of the personnel aboard U.S. vessels and aircraft visiting Bahrain, who will be furnished with appropriate identification which shall be produced, upon demand, to the appropriate authorities of the Government of Bahrain. Personnel of the Administrative Support Unit will be exempt from registration and control as aliens, but will not by reason of their entry into Bahrain be regarded as acquiring any rights to permanent residence in Bahrain."

"12. The term "personnel of the Administrative Support Unit" means U.S. Department of Defense personnel who may reside in or visit Bahrain after June 30, 1977, for purposes related to the functions of the Administrative Support Unit, including dependents, and including personnel aboard ships and aircraft visiting Bahrain supported by the Administrative Support Unit, but excluding indigenous Bahraini nationals and other persons ordinarily resident in Bahrain territory, provided that such nationals or other persons are not dependents of members of the Administrative Support Unit."

¹ Came into force on 28 June 1977 by the exchange of the said notes.

² United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 823, p. 157.

³ *Ibid.*, vol. 1020, p. 543.

My Government further proposes that our two Governments enter into administrative arrangements which will confirm the authorization of your Government for visits of U.S. vessels and aircraft to Bahrain and for administrative support of Department of Defense personnel in Bahrain for purposes related to the functions of the Administrative Support Unit, and which will provide for compensation to Bahrain in consideration of these arrangements. If the foregoing is acceptable to the Government of Bahrain, I have the honor to propose that this Note and your Note in reply confirming its acceptance will constitute an Agreement between our two Governments regarding this matter.

Accept, Excellency, the assurance of my highest consideration.

[Signed]

WAT T. CLUVERIUS IV

His Excellency

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The Foreign Minister
Government of the State of Bahrain
Manama

II

THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS
STATE OF BAHRAIN

June 28, 1977

Excellency,

I have the honour to refer to Your Excellency's Note of to-day's date which reads as follows:

[See note I]

I confirm that Your Excellency's Note correctly represents the conclusions reached by us and I agree that Your Excellency's Note and my reply shall be regarded as constituting an Agreement between our two Governments in this matter.

Accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

[Signed]

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