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and
SOMALIA**

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BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND SOMALIA
CONCERNING FURNISHING OF DEFENSE ARTICLES
AND SERVICES

I

EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

March 22, 1978

Dear Mr. President:

I have the honor to refer to recent discussions between representatives of our two Governments concerning the consideration being given by the United States Government to the furnishing of defense articles and defense services to the Government of the Somali Democratic Republic under the Foreign Military Sales Program of the United States.

In order for the United States Government to furnish to Somalia such defense articles and services in accordance with United States legislation governing the Foreign Military Sales Program, it would be necessary for the Government of the Somali Democratic Republic to assure the United States Government that it will refrain from the use of force against any other country, and that it will not use United States defense articles or services or permit their use, for any purposes other than the internal security or legitimate defense of the existing internationally-recognized territory of the Somali Democratic Republic, and also, with respect to any defense articles and defense services so furnished, that it:

- 1) Will not transfer title to or possession of them without first obtaining the consent of the United States Government;
- 2) Will maintain their security and will provide substantially the same degree of security protection afforded to such articles and services by the United States Government.

In order to assist the United States Government to reach a decision in this matter, it would be most helpful to have the confirmation of the Government of the Somali Democratic Republic that it accepts the foregoing assurances as conditions for the furnishing of defense articles and defense services under the Foreign Military Sales Program of the United States. Accordingly, I have the honor to request that Your Excellency confirm your Government's acceptance of those conditions.

Sincerely yours,

[Signed]

RICHARD M. MOOSE
Special Emissary of the President

His Excellency Major General Mohamed Siad Barre
President of the Somali Democratic Republic

¹ Came into force on 29 April 1978 by the exchange of the said letters.

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JAMHUURIYADDA DIMUQ. SOOMAALIYA

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SOMALI DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC

The President

March 23rd, 1978

Dear Mr. Richard Moose,

I have the honour to refer to your letter dated 22/3/78 regarding eventual United States military aid to the Somali Democratic Republic.

The Polit Bureau of the Central Committee of the Somali Revolutionary Socialist Party has in principle accepted the content of your proposal. I hope that the intention and spirit of such desire be realised.

I look forward that a better understand[ing] and a closer cooperation develop between our two Governments and people in the future.

Please, accept my personal highest esteem and regards.

Cordially yours,

[Signed]

Major General MOHAMED SIAD BARRE
President of the Somali Democratic Republic

Mr. Richard M. Moose
Special Emissary of the President of the United States
Mogadishu

III

Mogadiscio, Somalia, April 19, 1978

Dear Mr. President:

My Government believes that the discussions recently concluded between you and President Carter's Special Emissary, Assistant Secretary Moose, have succeeded in laying the basis for a future of close cooperation between our two countries. I have been instructed to inform you that, on the basis of those discussions, my Government is prepared to initiate the steps required under United States law for the furnishing of defense articles and services to the Somali Government, including the seeking of the requisite authority of the Congress. On March 22, 1978, Mr. Moose wrote you requesting assurances that Somalia would undertake to refrain from the use of force against any other country, except for the legitimate defense of the internationally-recognized territory of the Somali Democratic Republic and, further, would accept the conditions contained in Mr. Moose's letter concerning the use, transfer, and security of defense articles and services furnished by the United States.

In your reply, transmitted to him on March 23, you stated that the Politburo of the Central Committee of the Somali Revolutionary Socialist Party accepted these conditions in principle. In order to proceed at this time, my Government will need written assurance that the Government of the Somali Democratic Republic accepts the specific conditions contained in Mr. Moose's letter.

Your acknowledgement of this letter and assurances that the Somali Government will observe the undertakings and conditions outlined above will constitute an agreement between our two Governments.

Sincerely,

[Signed]

JOHN L. LOUGHRAN
American Ambassador

His Excellency Major General Mohamed Siad Barre
President of the Somali Democratic Republic

IV

JAMHUURIYADDA DIMUQ, SOOMAALIYA

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SOMALI DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC

The President

Mogadishu, 29 April, 78

Dear Mr. Ambassador,

With reference to my letter of March 23 to Mr. Richard M. Moose, Special Emissary of the United States, Mr. Moose's letter of March 22, and your letter of April 19 to me, I am pleased to advise you as follows: The Government of the Somali Democratic Republic assures the Government of the United States that Somalia will refrain from the use of force against any country; that arms and services given or sold to the Somali Government will not be used against any other country. Furthermore, the Somali Government will not permit such arms and articles to be used for any other purposes than the preservation of the internal security of the Somali Democratic Republic and the legitimate defense of the internationally recognized territory of the Somali Democratic Republic.

The Somali Government will not transfer the title or possession of any arms or equipment received without first obtaining the consent of the United States Government.

The Somali Government will maintain the security and provide substantially the same degree of protection afforded to such articles and services provided by the United States as the United States itself does.

[Signed]

Major Gen. MOHAMED SIAD BARRE
President of the Somali Democratic Republic

Mr. John L. Loughran
Ambassador of the United States
Mogadishu