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EXCHANGE OF LETTERS CONSTITUTING AN AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND DOMINICA CONCERNING THE PEACE CORPS

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EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
BRIDGETOWN, BARBADOS

May 15, 1980

Dear Prime Minister:

I have the honor to refer to recent conversations and correspondence between representatives of our two Governments and to propose the official conclusion of the following understandings with respect to the assignment to Dominica of 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, will live and work for periods of time in Dominica. This document supercedes the agreement dated December 16th, 1966.²

1. The Government of the United States will furnish such Peace Corps volunteers as may be requested by the Government of Dominica and approved by the Government of the United States to perform mutually agreed tasks in Dominica. The volunteers will work under the immediate supervision of governmental or private organizations in Dominica designated by our two governments. The Government of the United States will provide training to enable the volunteers to perform their tasks in the most effective way. The Government of Dominica will bear such share of the costs of the Peace Corps program incurred in Dominica as our two Governments agree should be contributed by it.

2. The Government of Dominica 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 nationals of the United States residing in Dominica; and fully inform, consult and cooperate with representatives of the Government of the United States with respect to all matters concerning them. The Government of Dominica will exempt the volunteers from all taxes on payments which they receive to defray their living costs and on income from sources outside Dominica, from all customs duties or other charges on their personal property introduced into Dominica for their own use at the time of their arrival and from all other taxes or other charges (including immigration fees and airport taxes), except license fees and taxes or other charges included in the price of equipment, supplies and services.

3. The Government of the United States and the Government of Dominica will provide the volunteers with such limited quantities of equipment and supplies as our two Governments may consider necessary to enable the volunteers to perform their tasks effectively. The Government of Dominica will exempt from all taxes, customs duties and other charges all equipment and supplies introduced into or acquired in Dominica by the Government of the United States or any contractor financed by it, for use hereunder.

4. To enable the Government of the United States to discharge its responsibilities under this agreement, the Government of Dominica will receive a representative of the

¹ Came into force on 22 May 1980, the date of the letter in reply, in accordance with the provisions of the said letters.

² United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 688, p. 85.

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

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

6. 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 Dominica 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.

Please accept the renewed assurance of my highest consideration.

Sincerely,

[*Signed*]

SALLY A. SHELTON
American Ambassador

The Rt. Honourable J. Oliver Seraphin
Prime Minister
Prime Minister's Office
Government Headquarters
Roseau, Dominica

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Cabinet Secretariat
GOVERNMENT HEADQUARTERS
ROSEAU
COMMONWEALTH OF DOMINICA
WEST INDIES

22nd May 1980

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Her Excellency,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 15th May 1980 which proposes the official conclusions of understandings with respect to the Peace Corps Programme here and to say that the document is accepted by this Government as constituting an agreement between our two Governments.

Yours sincerely,

[Signed]

OLIVER J. SERAPHIN
Prime Minister

Her Excellency Miss Sally Shelton
American Ambassador
Embassy of the United States
Bridgetown, Barbados
