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**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**  
**and**  
**SAINT VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES**

**Exchange of letters constituting an agreement concerning  
the Peace Corps. Bridgetown, 15 May 1980, and Saint  
Vincent, 26 June 1980**

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**ÉTATS-UNIS D'AMÉRIQUE**  
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**Échange de lettres constituant un accord relatif au Peace  
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EXCHANGE OF LETTERS CONSTITUTING AN AGREEMENT<sup>1</sup>  
BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND  
SAINT VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES CONCERNING  
THE PEACE CORPS

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EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
BRIDGETOWN, BARBADOS

May 15, 1980

Dear Mr. 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 St. Vincent 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 St. Vincent. This document supercedes the agreement dated December 16th, 1966.<sup>2</sup>

1. The Government of the United States will furnish such Peace Corps volunteers as may be requested by the Government of St. Vincent and approved by the Government of the United States to perform mutually agreed tasks in St. Vincent. The volunteers will work under the immediate supervision of governmental or private organizations in St. Vincent 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 St. Vincent will bear such share of the costs of the Peace Corps program incurred in St. Vincent as our two Governments agree should be contributed by it.

2. The Government of St. Vincent 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 St. Vincent; 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 St. Vincent will exempt the volunteers from all taxes on payments which they receive to defray their living costs and on income from sources outside St. Vincent, from all customs duties or other charges on their personal property introduced into St. Vincent 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 prices of equipment, supplies and services.

3. The Government of the United States and the Government of St. Vincent 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 St. Vincent will exempt from all taxes, customs duties, and other charges all equipment and supplies introduced into or acquired in St. Vincent by the Government of the United States or any contractor financed by it, for use hereunder.

<sup>1</sup> Came into force on 26 June 1980, the date of the letter in reply, in accordance with the provisions of the said letters.

<sup>2</sup> United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 688, p. 101.

4. To enable the Government of the United States to discharge its responsibilities under this agreement, the Government of St. Vincent will receive a representative of the 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 St. Vincent. The Government of St. Vincent will exempt such persons from all taxes on income derived from their Peace Corps work or sources outside St. Vincent, 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 St. Vincent 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 St. Vincent 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 St. Vincent 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 St. Vincent for their own use as is accorded volunteers hereunder.

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

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 St. Vincent 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 Honourable H. K. Tannis  
Minister of External Affairs  
Ministry of External Affairs  
Government Headquarters  
Kingstown, St. Vincent

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MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS  
ST. VINCENT, WINDWARD ISLANDS  
WEST INDIES

26 June 1980

Dear Ambassador,

I have the honour to refer to your Note of 15 May 1980 and wish to conclude the following understandings with respect to the assignment to St. Vincent and the Grenadines 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 this Government, will live and work for periods of time in St. Vincent and the Grenadines.

[See letter I]

I have the further honour to state that these understandings are acceptable to this Government and that this Note in reply shall constitute an agreement between our two Governments which shall enter into force on the date of this 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 assurances of my highest consideration.

Sincerely,

[Signed]

HUDSON K. TANNIS  
Minister of Foreign Affairs and Tourism

Her Excellency Ms. Sally A. Shelton  
American Ambassador  
Embassy of the United States of America  
Bridgetown, Barbados