

IRAQ



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Exchange of Notes

between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great
Britain and Northern Ireland and the
Government of Iraq

referring to the Special Agreement signed
at Bagdad on the 4th of April, 1955

Bagdad, December 20, 1955

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EXCHANGE OF NOTES BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND AND THE GOVERNMENT OF IRAQ REFERRING TO THE SPECIAL AGREEMENT SIGNED AT BAGDAD ON THE 4th OF APRIL, 1955.

Bagdad, December 20, 1955

No. 1

Her Majesty's Ambassador at Bagdad to the Prime Minister of Iraq.

British Embassy, Bagdad.

December 20, 1955.

Your Excellency,

I have the honour to refer to the negotiations which have taken place for the implementation of the Special Agreement signed on the 4th of April, 1955 between the Government of Iraq and the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland⁽¹⁾. The Government of the United Kingdom desire to express their appreciation of the spirit of co-operation and good faith in which these negotiations have been conducted. As partners with the Government of Iraq in the Bagdad Pact⁽²⁾ and as fellow members of the Council which has now held its first meeting, they wish to take further measures to develop friendship and co-operation between our two countries for the fulfilment of the common objectives of the members of the Bagdad Pact.

2. In the negotiations mentioned above the Government of Iraq and the Government of the United Kingdom have reached agreement, as part of the financial arrangements in fulfilment of the provisions of paragraph (a) of the Memorandum attached to Note No. 2 of the 4th of April, 1955, which referred to the Special Agreement, that the sum of £2,755,000 is payable by the Government of Iraq to the Government of the United Kingdom. This sum is made up as follows:—

(a) the sum of £1,375,000 payable in respect of property transferred or received from British ownership to be handed over to the Government of Iraq in accordance with the provisions of the Memorandum attached to Note No. 2. This property, and the agreed value thereof, consists of the following:—

Buildings at Habbaniya valued at:	£500,000
Civil cantonments valued at:	£90,000
Buildings and fixed installations at Shaiba valued at:	£430,000
Buildings and fixed installations at Basra valued at: ...	£355,000

and

(b) the sum of £1,380,000 payable for the freehold land at Basra owned by the Government of the United Kingdom.

Detailed lists of the items included in sub-paragraphs (a) and (b) above will be agreed between our representatives.

3. In this connexion I have the honour to make the following proposals:—

(a) The Government of the United Kingdom shall waive payment of the sum of £2,755,000 referred to above and shall accept as full satisfaction of the obligation of the Government of Iraq to make that payment the fulfilment by the Government of Iraq of the provisions in sub-paragraphs (b) and (c) of this paragraph:

⁽¹⁾ "Treaty Series No. 50 (1955)," Cmd. 9544.

⁽²⁾ See "Miscellaneous No. 5 (1955)," Cmd. 9429.

(b) The Government of Iraq shall devote the sum of £2,755,000 to the following purposes in 1956 and 1957 :—

- (i) a sum of at least £2,000,000 to be spent on the purchase in the United Kingdom of arms, equipment and defence stores ;
- (ii) the remainder to be used towards the expenses of training Iraqi personnel in British establishments and the expense to the Government of Iraq of Iraqi personnel taking part in training between the forces of the United Kingdom and Iraq ;

(c) The Government of the United Kingdom shall accept the offer made by the Government of Iraq to :—

- (i) make available at the Port of Basra free storage (including cold storage), and free accommodation and services for the British Service personnel who may at any time be at the Port of Basra in accordance with existing agreements ;
- (ii) continue to offer the existing free facilities to British Naval units visiting the Shatt-el-Arab in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 9 (b) of the Memorandum attached to Note No. 1 of the 4th of April, 1955, which referred to the Special Agreement ;
- (iii) offer free services, accommodation and aircraft handling to Royal Air Force visits to Shaiba from time to time.

4. I have the honour further to propose that, if the proposals set out in paragraph 3 above are acceptable to the Government of Iraq, this Note, together with your Excellency's reply, shall constitute an agreement between our two Governments which shall enter into force immediately.

5. I have, etc.

MICHAEL WRIGHT.

No. 2

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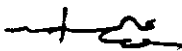
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(English version)

The Prime Minister of Iraq to Her Majesty's Ambassador at Bagdad.

Council of Ministers,

Bagdad, December 20, 1955.

Your Excellency,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your Excellency's Note of to-day's date referring to the negotiations which have taken place for the implementation of the Special Agreement signed on the 4th of April, 1955 between the Government of Iraq and the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland. I have the honour, in accepting the proposals in your Excellency's Note, to confirm that the Note, together with this Note in reply, shall constitute an Agreement between our two Governments which shall enter into force immediately.

I avail, etc.,

NOURY SAID.

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