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between the Government of the
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
and the Government of the Lebanese Republic
concerning the
Loan of Arms to the Lebanon

Beirut, May 19, 1958

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No. 1

The Lebanese Minister for Foreign Affairs to Her Majesty's Ambassador at Beirut

Ministère des Affaires Étrangères,

Your Excellency,

May 19, 1958.

I have the honour to refer to the free loan, in November, 1956, from the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to the Government of the Republic of the Lebanon of the arms, ammunition and equipment set forth in the Annex to the present Note and to propose that the said loan shall be subject to the following terms:—

1. The Lebanese Government undertake:—

- (a) not to dispose by sale or gift of any of these arms, ammunition or equipment to any third party, without prior consultation with the Government of the United Kingdom;
- (b) to return to the Government of the United Kingdom any of these arms, ammunition or equipment which at any time they may no longer require;
- (c) (i) to return, not later than the 1st of January, 1967, the arms, equipment, and such accessories as have not been expended by that date (but not ammunition which shall be deemed expendable at the discretion of the Lebanese Government) or, in agreement with and on behalf of the Government of the United Kingdom, to dispose of them locally;
- (ii) not to sell, give or otherwise dispose of the said arms, equipment or accessories save for the benefit of specified States, administrations, or persons or to associations or persons, natural or juridical, having a residence or place of business in the Lebanon;
- (iii) in any case not to dispose of them either directly or indirectly to the profit of the enemy;
- (d) to pay the cost of transport back to the United Kingdom (or to some other place to be agreed upon with the Government of the United Kingdom provided that the cost of transport is not more than it would be for transport to the United Kingdom) of any arms, equipment or accessories which the Lebanese Government are required to return in accordance with paragraphs (b) and (c) above;
- (e) to make good to the Government of the United Kingdom the cost of repairing damage (except for fair wear and tear and damage resulting from enemy action) to equipment, other than that which has been expended as provided for in paragraph (c) (i) above, which is found, on the 1st of January, 1967, to be damaged, and to replace equipment, other than ammunition and expended accessories, which has been lost or destroyed at that date, other than by enemy action;

(f) to enter into negotiations with the Government of the United Kingdom as to the terms on which any of the arms, equipment, ammunition and accessories, which the Lebanese Government wish to keep after the 1st of January, 1967, may be sold to them.

2. An Anglo-Lebanese commission shall be set up to study the question of compensation for the losses referred to in paragraph 1 (e) above whilst taking into account the accepted usages and the eventualities foreseen in the arrangements set out herein.

If the foregoing proposal is acceptable to the Government of the United Kingdom I have the honour to suggest that the present Note, together with its Annex, and Your Excellency's reply in that sense, should be regarded as constituting an agreement between the two Governments in this matter.

CHARLES MALIK.

ANNEX

Vehicles :

- 20 Charioteer tanks.
- 1 year's Unit Field scaling of spares.

Arms :

- 1,000 .303 No. 4 rifles.
- 1 year's scaling of spares.
- 100 .303 Mark 1 Bren light machine guns with spare barrels, complete to scale.
- 500 9-mm. Mark 4 Sterling sub-machine guns.
- 5,000 magazines.
- 500 slings.

Ammunition :

- 500 rounds of 20-pounder H.E. fused 410.
- 1,500 rounds of 20-pounder A.P.C.B.C.
- 1 million rounds of bandolier packed .303 ammunition.
- 1 million rounds of carton packed .303 ammunition.
- 110,000 rounds of .30 Browning machine gun ammunition.
- 500,000 rounds of 9-mm. light machine gun ammunition.
- 720 W.P. No. 80 grenades.

No. 2

Her Majesty's Ambassador at Beirut to the Lebanese Minister for Foreign Affairs

*British Embassy, Beirut,
May 19, 1958.*

Your Excellency,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Note of to-day's date, which reads as follows: —

[As in No. 1]

In reply I have the honour to inform you that the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland accept the above proposals and agree that your Note, together with its Annex, and the present reply shall constitute an agreement between our two Governments in the terms of these proposals.

I avail, &c.

G. H. MIDDLETON.

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