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# Exchange of Notes

between the Government of the  
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland  
and the Food and Agriculture Organisation  
of the United Nations

## establishing an International Desert Locust Information Service

Rome, March 26, 1958/London, April 24, 1958

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**EXCHANGE OF NOTES BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND AND THE FOOD AND AGRICULTURE ORGANISATION OF THE UNITED NATIONS ESTABLISHING AN INTERNATIONAL DESERT LOCUST INFORMATION SERVICE**

*Rome, March 26, 1958/London, April 24, 1958*

No. 1

*The Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations to the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs*

*Food and Agriculture Organization  
of the United Nations.*

Sir,

*Rome, March 26, 1958.*

I have the honour to refer to the recent discussions relating to a proposal that the Anti-Locust Research Centre in London should establish, in cooperation with the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, an International Desert Locust Information Service, and to propose an agreement in the following terms:—

1. The Anti-Locust Research Centre shall establish, in cooperation with the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, an International Desert Locust Information Service, it being understood that this Service shall constitute an integral part of the Anti-Locust Research Centre and that the personnel attached thereto shall be under the sole authority of that Centre and shall not be staff members of the Food and Agriculture Organization.

2. The Information Service shall perform the following functions:—

- (a) prepare monthly Desert Locust Situation Summaries, including brief forecasts, based on regular current reports on standard forms and submitted monthly by all the governments and organizations concerned;
- (b) distribute these Summaries directly by airmail to all governments and organizations concerned;
- (c) issue, when the locust situation demands, special warnings of dangerous developments, and distribute them directly and through the Food and Agriculture Organization, radio and the press to all countries and organizations concerned;
- (d) maintain a continuous record of the developments in the Desert Locust situation, during plague and recession periods;
- (e) preserve the original reports and other relevant documents, and make them available to accredited representatives of all governments and interested international organizations who may wish to examine them;
- (f) submit, at least annually, to the Director-General for consideration by the FAO Technical Advisory Committee on Desert Locust Control reports of the working of the Information Service and statements on the general developments in the Desert Locust situation.

3. The Anti-Locust Research Centre shall also prepare in due course suggestions for the further development of the Information Service particularly as regards the relation between locust breeding and

movements and the corresponding weather dynamics, for consideration by the FAO Technical Advisory Committee on Desert Locust Control in the light of the knowledge and experience gained during an initial two-year period.

4. The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations undertakes to meet the additional cost to the Anti-Locust Research Centre in maintaining the International Desert Locust Information Service, to a maximum of US\$ 6,000 per annum during at least an initial period of two years as from 1 January, 1958, such annual payments being made in advance. Thereafter, the continuance of annual payments will be subject to the necessary funds being available to the Food and Agriculture Organization. It is understood that should the Food and Agriculture Organization be unable to continue the annual payments the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland may at their discretion terminate this Agreement.

If the foregoing terms are acceptable to the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland I have the honour to suggest that the present letter and your reply in that sense should be regarded as constituting an agreement between the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland in this matter which shall come into force on the date of your reply.

Accept, &c.,

F. T. WAHLEN,

Acting for B. R. SEN,

*Director-General.*

No. 2

*The Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs to the Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations*

*Foreign Office, S.W. 1,*

*April 24, 1958.*

Sir,

I am directed by Mr. Secretary Lloyd to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 26th of March which reads as follows:—

[As in No. 1.]

In reply I am to inform you that the foregoing terms are acceptable to the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, who therefore agree with your suggestion that your letter together with this reply should be regarded as constituting an agreement between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations in this matter, which shall enter into force on this day's date.

I am, &c.,

E. M. ROSE.

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