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*Her Majesty's Ambassador at Vientiane
to the Laotian Minister for Foreign
Affairs*

*L'Ambassadeur de Sa Majesté bri-
tannique à Vientiane au Ministre des
affaires étrangères du Laos*

BRITISH EMBASSY

Your Excellency,

Vientiane, 17 May, 1963

I have the honour to refer to the intention of the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to extend aid to the Government of the Kingdom of Laos in order to help restore the national economy after the recent war. Part of this aid is to be devoted to providing sterling for the purchase of necessary imports. I now have the honour, in accordance with instructions received from Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, to make the following proposals concerning this programme of imports :

1. In respect of contracts made after the date of the formal exchange of letters, the Government of the United Kingdom confirm their offer to provide sterling for the purchase of essential goods from the United Kingdom, within the framework of the import programme of the Royal Government of Laos, to the value of £1 million a year for three years, these sums to include the transportation and insurance costs of the goods up to the point of their entry into Laos.
2. A list of the goods which may be imported under this programme is contained in Annex A of this Note. This list may be amended from time to time by mutual agreement at the request of either Government.

¹ Came into force on 17 May 1963 by the exchange of the said notes.

¹ Entré en vigueur le 17 mai 1963 par l'échange desdites notes.

3. Imports of goods under this programme will be effected through normal commercial channels in accordance with a procedure agreed with the National Bank of Laos, and set out in Annex B to this Note. The Government of the United Kingdom undertake to make arrangements to pay at presentation all drawings which are made in accordance with terms of documentary credits established under the present scheme, in respect of goods whose arrival in Laos will in due course be certified in accordance with a procedure agreed between the two Governments.
4. A special account to be known as the Laotian/United Kingdom Counterpart Account will be set up in the National Bank of Laos for the counterpart kip which will accrue by virtue of this programme. Pending a final agreement on the use of these funds, it is understood that the Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Laos or a representative appointed by him will sign every request addressed to the British Embassy in Vientiane for the use of the Laotian/United Kingdom Counterpart Account. This Account will be administered in accordance with the principle set out in Annex C to this Note.
5. The system set out in this Note and the Annexes thereto is subject to review in the light of experience, and may be amended by mutual agreement on the request of either Government.

If the Royal Government of Laos agree to these proposals I have the honour to suggest that the present Note, together with the Annexes which form an integral part thereof, and your reply in that sense, shall be regarded as constituting an Agreement between our two Governments.

I avail, etc.

D. C. HOPSON

ANNEX A

The following goods of a value of one million pounds sterling c.i.f. Laotian frontier, will be financed by the British-aided Import Programme into Laos for a period of twelve months starting from a date to be agreed. This list may be extended or adjusted by mutual agreement.

<i>Lao Tariff</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>£</i>	<i>Approximate Equivalent in Kip</i>
27.10.24	Lubricants	76,000	17,000,000
32.09	Paints, varnishes, dyes	4,500	1,000,000
34.02	Detergents and tensio-active organic products	3,000	800,000
38.11	Insecticides	9,000	2,000,000
40.11.22, 23	Tyres, inner tubes	30,000	7,000,000

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<i>Lao Tariff</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>£</i>	<i>Approximate Equivalent in Kip</i>
24.25 and 32-35			
39.03	Cellophane		
48.01	Paper on bobbins		
48.09	Fibre board for building	58,000	13,000,000
48.12	Paper-backed lino		
48.15-18, 21	Other paper		
48.13	Stencils, carbon papers	2,000	500,000
49.07	Security (banknote) paper	18,000	4,000,000
55.07-09	Cotton textiles		
Chap.		50,000	11,000,000
61.01-05	Other textiles and clothing		
59.05	Nets (including synthetic fibre net 51.01 for fishing nets)	10,000	2,000,000
73.10	Iron and steel bars	40,000	9,000,000
73.11	Iron and steel sections		
73.18	Iron and steel tubes and pipes	81,000	18,000,000
73.13	Iron and steel corrugated sheets		
73.21.10	Prefabricated iron and steel building units	9,000	2,000,000
82.01-2	Hand tools, agricultural	22,000	5,000,000
82.02-3			
82.04.20	Saws, craftsmen's tools	18,000	4,000,000
82.05			
84.10-11	Pumps and irrigation pumps (liquid lifting pumps)	18,000	4,000,000
84.22	Lifting and loading machinery (cranes and hoists)	14,000	3,000,000
84.15.10	Refrigerators, electric and non-electric	22,000	5,000,000
84.41	Sewing machines	11,000	3,000,000
84.36-40	Textile machinery	4,500	1,000,000
84.45-49	Machine tools and spare parts	18,000	4,000,000
84.51-55	Typewriters, calculating machines, statistical machines for offices, etc.	30,000	7,000,000
87.01	Road tractors and others	45,000	10,000,000
87.02.11	"Jeep" type vehicles	75,000	17,000,000
87.02.12, 14, 16	Private cars (including station wagons)	90,000	20,000,000
87.01.17	Vehicles for communal transport		
87.02.20	Lorries	35,000	8,000,000
87.03	Vehicles for special uses		
87.06.10	Accessories and spare parts for tractors, cars (and garage equipment)	55,000	11,000,000
87.06.20			
87.10	Bicycles, taxi-tricycles		
87.09	Motorcycles	143,000	33,000,000
87.12, 13 and 14	Accessories and spares for motorcycles, bicycles and trailers		
		<u>991,000</u>	<u>222,300,000</u>

In addition, the freight charges for Shell products imported under American aid, in British ships, will be financed.

ANNEX B

In each of the three years of the programme of British Aid for imports into Laos the Government of the United Kingdom undertake to make available to the Royal Government of Laos up to £1 million sterling to cover imports of goods made in the United Kingdom and listed at Annex A.¹ The goods will be paid for in the United

¹ See p. 157 of this volume.