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EXCHANGE OF NOTES CONSTITUTING AN AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF AUSTRALIA AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF SINGAPORE CONCERNING ASSISTANCE TO THE SINGAPORE ARMED FORCES IN FURTHERANCE OF THE FIVE POWER DEFENCE ARRANGEMENTS FOR MALAYSIA AND SINGAPORE

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AUSTRALIAN HIGH COMMISSION
SINGAPORE

1st December, 1971

Dear Minister,

I have the honour to refer to the communique issued by representatives of the Governments of Australia, Malaysia, New Zealand, Singapore and the United Kingdom at the conclusion of the Ministerial meeting in London on 16 April, 1971, to consider matters of common interest to all five Governments relating to the defence of Malaysia and Singapore. In furtherance of the intentions expressed in that communique I have the honour to propose that the following arrangements shall apply between the Government of Australia and the Government of Singapore as from 1 November, 1971.

- (1) (a) The Government of Australia shall, as may be agreed from time to time between the two Governments, furnish the Government of Singapore with assistance of the kind referred to in Annex I to this Note for the training and development of the Singapore Armed Forces.
- (b) The Government of Singapore shall afford to the Government of

¹ Came into force by the exchange of notes, with retroactive effect from 1 November 1971, in accordance with the provisions of the said notes.

Australia in respect of any Australian force that may be stationed or be present in Singapore with the consent of the Government of Singapore and in respect of the authorised service organisations, civilian component of such size as may be agreed between the two Governments to be necessary and dependants of such a force, rights and facilities in accordance with the provisions of Annex II to this Note.

- (c) The provisions contained in Annex III to this Note shall apply to any Australian force that may be present in Singapore with the consent of the Government of Singapore and to the authorised service organisations, civilian component of such size as may be agreed between the two Governments to be necessary and dependants of such a force (including the persons mentioned in Section 8 of that Annex).
- (d) The provisions contained in Annex IV to this Note shall apply to the land and facilities made available to the Government of Australia for the purposes of this Note.
- (e) The Government of Singapore and the Government of Australia shall afford each other an adequate opportunity for comment upon any major administrative or legislative proposals which may affect the operation of the arrangements described in this Note or in its Annexes.

(2) For the purposes of the arrangements described in this Note, or in its Annexes, the terms used therein shall, unless the context otherwise requires, have the following meanings respectively assigned to them:-

- (a) "installations" means the areas in Singapore made available to the Government of Australia for the

purposes of this Note and includes the immovable property and structures situated thereon or built therein;

- (b) "Australian force" means any body, contingent, or detachment of any naval, land or air forces of Australia when stationed in the territory of Singapore or when present there in connection with their official duties but does not include loan personnel;
- (c) "Australian Service authorities" means the authorities empowered by the law of Australia to exercise command or jurisdiction over members of an Australian force or civilian component or dependants;
- (d) "Singapore authorities" means the authority or authorities from time to time authorized or designated by the Government of Singapore for the purpose of exercising the powers in relation to which the expression is used;
- (e) "civilian component" means the civilian personnel accompanying an Australian force, who are employed in the service of an Australian force or by an authorized service organisation accompanying an Australian force, or by a department or authority of the Government of Australia having functions relating to the armed forces or to defence matters, and who are not stateless persons, nor nationals of, nor ordinarily resident in, Singapore;
- (f) "authorized service organisation" means a body organised for the benefit of, or to serve the welfare of, an Australian force or civilian component or dependants, as may be agreed between the two Governments;
- (g) "dependant" means a person not ordinarily resident in Singapore who is the spouse of a member of an Australian

force or civilian component or who is wholly or mainly maintained or employed by any such member, or who is in his custody, charge or care, or who forms part of his family;

- (h) "loan personnel" means officers and other ranks for the time being provided by Australia to assist in the staffing, administration and training of the Singapore Armed Forces pursuant to the arrangements described in paragraph 1(a) and Annex I of this Note;
- (i) "official vehicles" means vehicles, including hired vehicles, which are exclusively in the service of an Australian force or department or authority having functions relating to the armed forces or to defence matters, or authorised service organisations;
- (j) the expression "of an Australian force" used in relation to "vessels" or "aircraft" includes vessels and aircraft on charter for the service of an Australian force.

2. If the foregoing is acceptable to the Government of Singapore, I have the honour to propose that this Note and its Annexes together with your reply to that effect shall constitute an Agreement between the two Governments in this matter which shall be deemed to have entered into force on 1 November, 1971.

Yours sincerely,

[Signed]

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