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Exchange of Letters

between the Government of the
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
and the Government of the Republic of Cyprus

concerning the provision of
a British Army Training Team to
assist in the Technical Training
of Citizens of the Republic of Cyprus

Nicosia, 11 March 1968

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GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND AND THE
GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF CYPRUS CONCERNING
THE PROVISION OF A BRITISH ARMY TRAINING TEAM TO
ASSIST IN THE TECHNICAL TRAINING OF CITIZENS OF THE
REPUBLIC OF CYPRUS**

No. 1

*The United Kingdom High Commissioner at Nicosia to the Minister of
Labour and Social Insurance of the Republic of Cyprus*

*British High Commission,
Nicosia, 11 March, 1968.*

Your Excellency,

I have the honour to refer to the discussions which have taken place between representatives of the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and representatives of the Government of the Republic of Cyprus concerning the provision by the Government of the United Kingdom of assistance to the Government of Cyprus in the technical training of citizens of the Republic.

In the course of these discussions it was agreed that the arrangements concerning the provision of such assistance should be those set out below.

1. Subject to the provisions hereinafter mentioned the Government of the United Kingdom will make available for a period not exceeding eighteen months from the entry into force of the arrangements herein contained the services of a team of members of the armed forces of the United Kingdom composed of up to four members to be known as "the British Army Technical Training Team" and premises and equipment situated in the Sovereign Base Area of Dhekelia for the purpose of providing technical training in such trades as shall be agreed between the two Governments to persons who have been employed by the Government of the United Kingdom and have been discharged on the grounds of redundancy.

2. The British Army Technical Training Team will remain part of a unit stationed in the Island of Cyprus under British Command and will be responsible to the Government of the United Kingdom through their service superiors for discipline and efficiency in the carrying out of their duties. Their duties will include the provision of technical training for candidates sponsored by the Government of Cyprus provided that these candidates in the opinion of the officer in command of the team fulfil the necessary educational and other requirements for suitability for instruction.

3. The services of the British Army Technical Training Team will be provided by the Government of the United Kingdom to the Government of Cyprus from technical assistance funds but the Government of Cyprus will pay all costs involved in the provision of maintenance and subsistence of candidates during training. The Government of the United Kingdom will not be responsible for any payment in connection with the accommodation of candidates during training or for the cost of their travel to and from Dhekelia, but will nevertheless assist, where possible, with the provision of travelling facilities to the trainees.

4. The Government of the United Kingdom reserves the right to withdraw the services of all or any members of the British Army Technical Training Team at any time after consultation with the Government of Cyprus.

5. In consideration of the provision by the Government of the United Kingdom of facilities in the Sovereign Base Areas in Cyprus for the training of citizens of the Republic of Cyprus, the Government of Cyprus undertake and agree that they will make no claim or allegation of negligence against and will hold the Government of the United Kingdom its servants and agents in its service (whether military or civil) indemnified in respect of liability or expenses in connection with any accident, occurrence or proceedings whatsoever arising out of the aforesaid training. And this indemnity shall exclude liability to the Government of the United Kingdom in respect of the loss of or damage to stores, equipment and other property however arising out of this training and to Her Britannic Majesty's personnel or persons claiming through, under or in trust for them and shall exclude liability to the Government of the United Kingdom for claims to pension gratuity or allowance payable under the Royal Warrant on account of death or disablement and expenses incurred in determining such claims or paying such pensions.

6. Save for the provisions of paragraph 5 of these arrangements nothing in these arrangements shall be interpreted as changing or amending the Treaty concerning the Establishment of the Republic of Cyprus signed at Nicosia on the 16th of August, 1960.⁽¹⁾

I have the honour to propose that if these arrangements are acceptable to the Government of Cyprus this letter, together with your reply to that effect, shall be regarded as constituting an Agreement in this matter between our two Governments which shall enter into force on today's date.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurance of my highest consideration.

N. E. COSTAR.

⁽¹⁾ "Treaty Series No. 4 (1961)", Cmnd. 1252.

*The Minister of Labour and Social Insurance of the Republic of Cyprus
to the United Kingdom High Commissioner at Nicosia*

Your Excellency,

*Office of the Minister,
Nicosia, 11 March, 1968.*

I have received your letter of today's date concerning the provision of a British Army Technical Training Team to provide assistance in the technical training of citizens of the Republic which reads as follows:—

[As in No. 1]

The arrangements proposed in your letter are acceptable to the Government of Cyprus who therefore regard your letter and this reply as constituting an agreement in this matter between our two Governments which shall be deemed to have entered into force on today's date.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurance of my highest consideration.

TASSOS PAPADOPOULOS.