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AND SERVICES**

**Agreement Between the  
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
and LIBERIA**

**Effected by Exchange of Notes  
Signed at Monrovia May 23 and  
June 17, 1961**



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*Signed at Monrovia May 23 and June 17, 1961;*

*Entered into force June 17, 1961.*

*The American Ambassador to the Liberian Secretary of State*

No. 9

MONROVIA, May 23, 1961.

EXCELLENCY:

I have the honor to refer to recent conversations between representatives of our two Governments, as a result of which the Government of the United States has agreed to make available to the Government of Liberia such military assistance as the Government of Liberia may request and the Government of the United States may authorize in accordance with such terms and conditions as may be agreed upon.

It is the understanding of the Government of the United States that the Government of Liberia is prepared to accept the following undertakings:

1. The Government of Liberia agrees to use any equipment, materials, and services furnished under this agreement to foster international peace and security within the framework of the Charter of the United Nations,<sup>[1]</sup> through measures which will further the ability of nations dedicated to the principles and purposes of the Charter to participate effectively in arrangements for individual and collective self-defense in support of these purposes and principles. The Government of Liberia further agrees to furnish, as may be mutually agreed hereafter, equipment and materials, services, or other assistance, consistent with the Charter of the United Nations, to the United States or to and among other nations, whose increased ability to defend themselves against aggression is considered by the Governments of the United States and Liberia to be in their mutual interest.
2. The Government of Liberia assures the Government of the United States that such equipment, materials, or services as may be acquired from the United States under this agreement are required for and will be used solely to maintain its internal security, its

<sup>1</sup> TS 993; 59 Stat. 1031.

legitimate self-defense, or to permit it to participate in United Nations collective security arrangements and measures, and that it will not undertake any act of aggression against any other state.

3. The Government of Liberia will not relinquish title to or possession of any equipment and materials, information or services furnished under this agreement without the consent of the Government of the United States.

4. The Government of Liberia will protect the security of any article, service or information furnished under this agreement.

5. The Government of Liberia also understands that the Government of the United States necessarily retains the privilege of diverting items of equipment or of not completing services undertaken, if such action is dictated by considerations of national interest.

6. The Government of Liberia will offer for return to the Government of the United States any equipment, materials, or services furnished by the Government of the United States hereunder which are no longer required for the purposes for which they were originally made.

I have the honor to propose that, if these undertakings are acceptable to Your Excellency's Government, this note and Your Excellency's note in reply concurring therein shall constitute an agreement between our two Governments which shall enter into force on the date of Your Excellency's note.

Accept, Excellency, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

ELBERT G. MATHEWS

His Excellency

J. RUDOLPH GRIMES,  
*Secretary of State of the Republic  
of Liberia,  
Monrovia.*

*The Liberian Secretary of State to the American Ambassador*

DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
MONROVIA, LIBERIA.

17 June 1961

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MR. AMBASSADOR:

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter No. 9 of 23 May 1961, which reads:

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ment of the United States has agreed to make available to the Government of Liberia such military assistance as the Government of Liberia may request and the Government of the United States may authorize in accordance with such terms and conditions as may be agreed upon.

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I wish to advise that the above-outlined undertakings are acceptable to the Liberian Government.

The Liberian Government also accepts the proposal that your note and this reply shall constitute an agreement between the United States and the Liberian Government, and that the agreement enters into force on the date of this letter.

Please accept, Mr. Ambassador, the assurances of my high esteem and consideration.

J. RUDOLPH GRIMES

J. Rudolph Grimes,  
*Secretary of State*

His Excellency ELBERT G. MATHEWS,  
*Ambassador Extraordinary & Plenipotentiary,*  
*Embassy of the United States of America,*  
*Monrovia.*

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