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Exchange of Notes

between the Government of the
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
and the Government of the State of Israel

concerning the Import into Israel of
British Books and Other Material of an
Educational or Cultural Nature

Tel Aviv/Jerusalem, August 18-31, 1960

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by Command of Her Majesty
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EXCHANGE OF NOTES BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE STATE OF ISRAEL CONCERNING THE IMPORT INTO ISRAEL OF BRITISH BOOKS AND OTHER MATERIAL OF AN EDUCATIONAL OR CULTURAL NATURE

No. 1

Her Majesty's Chargé d'Affaires at Tel Aviv to the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Israel

*British Embassy,
Tel Aviv.*

Madame le Ministre,

August 18, 1960.

With reference to the discussions which have taken place between representatives of Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the State of Israel with a view to facilitating the import into Israel of British books, and other material of an educational or cultural nature, I have the honour, under instructions from Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, to propose the following arrangements to that end:—

- (a) In these arrangements,
 - (i) the term "books" shall mean any books which can reasonably be regarded as having an educational scientific or cultural value;
 - (ii) the expression "other material" shall mean newspapers, periodicals, gramophone records of an educational, or cultural nature.
- (b) The value of the books and other material to be imported under these arrangements shall not exceed £40,000 sterling annually.
- (c) The value of all material imported under these arrangements shall be determined on the basis of the invoices presented by the United Kingdom exporters.
- (d) Israel importers importing material under these arrangements, shall make payment in Israel pounds in the manner described in the Annex attached to this Note, and Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom shall make the corresponding sterling payment in the United Kingdom.
- (e) The Israel currency received in accordance with sub-paragraph (d) above shall be used for the purpose of meeting additional expenditure of the British Council in Israel over and above the sum of £16,000 in any calendar year. Any funds in excess of the requirements of the British Council may be invested in any security quoted on the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange, or applied in any way provided for in the regulations and ordinances governing the use of monies deposited in a Registered Account.

- (f) The imports of books and other material under these arrangements shall be additional to and not in replacement of the existing trade.
- (g) The procedure for ordering and importing books and other material into Israel under these arrangements shall be as set out in the Annex to this Note.

If the above proposals are acceptable to the Government of the State of Israel, I have the honour to propose that this Note, together with its Annex, and your reply to that effect should constitute an Agreement between the two Governments in this matter, which shall enter into force on the 1st of September, 1960 and shall continue in force until the 31st of March, 1961 and then from year to year unless terminated by either Government on two months' notice in writing to the other Government, at any time after the 1st of September, 1960.

I have, &c.

H. D. V. PAKENHAM.

ANNEX

ADMINISTRATION ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE SPECIAL UNITED KINGDOM BOOK EXPORTS SCHEME

1. The facilities set out herein shall be available to Israel booksellers and wholesalers who normally engage in the business of importing books, periodicals, or English language gramophone records, to whom import licences have been granted by the Israel Government. The first allocation of import licences shall be made as soon as possible after the entry into force of this agreement.

2. All orders placed under the present arrangements shall be made out on a standard form, a copy of which is attached to this Annex.

3. Israel importers shall place their orders direct with the United Kingdom exporters.

4. The United Kingdom exporter shall despatch the books or other material direct to the Israel importer with an invoice in six copies showing the net amount due and the number of the import licence.

5. Importers shall pay into a Registered Account, designated the "Special United Kingdom Book Export Account", to be opened in the name of the British Embassy at Barclays Bank D.C. & O., 35A Allenby Road, Tel Aviv, before the release by the Israel Customs authorities of the goods concerned, the equivalent at the official rate of exchange between the Israel pound and the pound sterling of the total c.i.f. Israel amount of the invoice. At the same time, three copies of the relevant invoice shall be passed by the importer to Barclays Bank. Barclays Bank will forward two copies to the British Council Representative in Tel Aviv when notifying him that payment has been made.

6. On receipt of advice from the British Council Representative that payment has been made, the Central Office of Information in London shall make the corresponding payment in sterling to the United Kingdom exporter.

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ORDER FORM

BRITISH-ISRAEL SPECIAL BOOK EXPORT SCHEME

TYPE OF MATERIAL (BOOKS OR OTHER MATERIAL)

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(From) Israel Importer :

(To) British Exporter :

Name and address of firm :

Name and address of firm :

Ref. Nos. :

Ref. Nos. :

Import Licence No. :

Date :

Important notice to British exporter :

On receipt of this order you are requested before taking any other action to send two copies of a pro forma invoice showing the amount and cost, including transmission costs, of the items ordered which are immediately available for supply, to the Central Office of Information, Hercules Road, Westminster Bridge Road, London, S.E. 1.

The Central Office of Information will then explain to you the arrangements under which this order is being made and the method by which you will be paid in sterling in the United Kingdom.

<i>Quantity</i>	<i>Title or Description</i>	<i>Author, &c., or other details</i>	<i>Price</i>
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N.B.—For each British exporter a separate order form should be used.

No. 2

*The Minister for Foreign Affairs of Israel to Her Majesty's
Chargé d'Affaires at Tel Aviv*

Jerusalem, 31 August, 1960.

Monsieur le Chargé d'Affaires,

BRT 708.2.

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 18th of August, 1960 with its Annex.

This letter reads as follows:

[As in No. 1]

I have the honour to confirm that the above proposals are acceptable to the Government of Israel. In consequence, your letter mentioned above, and its Annex, and this acceptance, shall constitute an Agreement between the two Governments. The Agreement will enter into force on the 1st of September, 1960, and shall remain in force until the 31st of March, 1961; it shall then continue in force from year to year, unless terminated by either Government on a two months' notice in writing at any time after the 1st of September, 1960.

Please accept, &c.

GOLDA MEIR.

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