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Exchange of Letters

between the Government of the
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
and the Food and Agriculture Organisation
of the United Nations

concerning the Desert Locust Information Service

Rome, 11 and 13 July 1967

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SERVICE

No. 1

*The Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the
United Nations to Her Majesty's Ambassador at Rome*

*Food and Agriculture Organization
of the United Nations,
Rome, 11 July, 1967.*

Excellency,

I have the honour to refer to my letter of 16 February, 1961,⁽¹⁾ concerning the conclusion of an agreement of six years' duration between the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) and the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, whereby the Anti-Locust Research Centre in the United Kingdom conducted the Desert Locust Information Service of the United Nations Special Fund (now the United Nations Development Programme) Desert Locust Project. According to paragraph 1.4 of that letter the six year period ended on 30 June, 1966.

The Fourteenth Session of the FAO Technical Advisory Committee on Desert Locust Control has recommended the continuation of the Desert Locust Information Service and financial provision has been made in International Trust Fund No. 161 set up by the Director-General upon the recommendation of the Ninth Session of the FAO Desert Locust Control Committee to contribute to the additional cost incurred by the Anti-Locust Research Centre in maintaining the Desert Locust Information Service. Accordingly, I have the honour to propose a new agreement in the following terms:

- (1) The Anti-Locust Research Centre in the United Kingdom (hereinafter referred to as the "Research Centre") in co-operation with the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations shall continue the existing Desert Locust Information Service for a period of five years.
- (2) The Desert Locust Information Service shall remain an integral part of the Research Centre and personnel employed by the Research Centre in connection with this Service shall be under the sole direction of the Research Centre and shall not, by reason of this employment, be considered to be staff members of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations for any purposes, including privileges, immunities and compensation.
- (3) The Desert Locust Information Service shall perform the following functions:

(1) "Treaty Series No. 26 (1961)", Cmnd. 1353.

- (a) prepare monthly Desert Locust Situation Summaries, including brief forecasts, based on regular current reports, on standard forms submitted not less frequently than once a month by all the governments and organisations concerned;
 - (b) distribute these Summaries directly by airmail to all governments and organisations concerned;
 - (c) issue, when the locust situation warrants it, special warnings of dangerous developments, and distribute them to all the governments and all the organisations concerned directly by telegram or by airmail, or through the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations;
 - (d) continue to develop the use of current meteorological data in association with the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) to assist in interpreting the current desert locust situation and in forecasting its future development;
 - (e) preserve in the archives of the Research Centre the original reports and other relevant documents, including the continuous record of the desert locust situation maintained by the Research Centre, all of which shall be made available on request to the accredited representatives of any government or interested international organisation which may wish to examine them;
 - (f) submit to the Director-General for consideration by the FAO Desert Locust Control Committee, annual reports on the working of the Desert Locust Information Service to reach the Food and Agriculture Organization not later than the 1st of February each year; and also submit in the same manner, whenever appropriate, statements on the general developments in the Desert Locust situation.
- (4) The Director-General, having given due consideration to the recommendations of the Ninth Session of the FAO Desert Locust Control Committee has established an international trust fund to be administered in accordance with the financial regulations of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, and has further authorised contribution from this Trust Fund to the additional cost incurred by the Research Centre in maintaining the Desert Locust Information Service in the amount of US\$20,000 per annum for a period of five years. All payments by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations shall be subject to the availability of funds contributed to the Trust Fund. It is understood that should the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations be unable to continue the annual payments, the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland may at their discretion terminate this Agreement.
- (5) The five-year period referred to in paragraphs (1) and (4) above shall run as from the 1st July, 1966.

If the above proposals are acceptable to the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, I have the honour to suggest that the present letter and your reply in that sense should be regarded as

constituting an Agreement in this matter, between the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, which shall enter into force on the date of your reply.

Accept, Excellency, the assurance of my highest consideration.

MEKKI ABBAS
for B. R. SEN,
Director-General.

No. 2

*Her Majesty's Ambassador at Rome to the Director-General of the
Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations*

*British Embassy,
Rome, 13 July, 1967.*

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your Letter of the 11th of July, 1967, which reads as follows:

[As in No. 1]

I have the honour to inform you that the foregoing proposals are acceptable to the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, who therefore agree that your Letter and the present reply shall constitute an Agreement between them and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, which shall enter into force on this day's date.

Accept, Sir, the assurance of my highest consideration.

EVELYN SHUCKBURGH.

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