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# Exchange of Notes

between the Government of the  
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland  
and the Government of Turkey

modifying the Agreement of August 16,  
1957, for the Purchase by the Turkish  
Government of Certain Ships of the  
British Reserve Fleet

Ankara, January 12, 1959

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**EXCHANGE OF NOTES BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND AND THE GOVERNMENT OF TURKEY MODIFYING THE AGREEMENT OF AUGUST 16, 1957, FOR THE PURCHASE BY THE TURKISH GOVERNMENT OF CERTAIN SHIPS OF THE BRITISH RESERVE FLEET**

*Ankara, January 12, 1959*

No. 1

*Her Majesty's Ambassador at Ankara to the Secretary-General of the Turkish Ministry of Foreign Affairs*

*British Embassy,*

Your Excellency,

*Ankara, January 12, 1959.*

I have the honour to inform Your Excellency that certain revisions have been made in the estimated cost of the refit of the four "M" Class destroyers purchased by the Government of the Turkish Republic, which formed the subject of the Exchange of Notes of August 16, 1957<sup>(1)</sup> (hereinafter referred to as "the Agreement") between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Turkish Republic.

As a result of a detailed assessment of the cost of certain items of the work to be undertaken, including the alterations and additional equipment which the Turkish Government considered to be necessary, it is estimated that the cost of the refits will exceed the estimate of £500,000 per ship mentioned in paragraph (2) of the Agreement by a total of £400,000 for the four ships. This revised estimate has been agreed by representatives of the Turkish Government appointed for that purpose.

Moreover, further variations may occur thereafter in the cost of the refits as the work progresses. The final cost of the refits and alterations will in any case not be fully known until the end of the refit period.

The Government of the United Kingdom, therefore, in order to provide for the estimated increase in the cost of the refits and of the alterations and additional equipment, and to make some provision for further possible fluctuations in their cost, propose as follows:—

- (1) In order to take account of the revisions mentioned in the second paragraph of this Note, the estimated maximum cost of the refit of the ships shall be increased from the limits specified in paragraph (2) of the Agreement to a total of £2·4 million for the four ships.
- (2) The total sum of £2·9 million made available to the Turkish Government by the provisions of paragraph (4) and referred to in paragraph (6) of the Agreement shall be increased forthwith by £400,000 so as to make a total sum of £3·3 million.
- (3) The Government of the United Kingdom may further increase or reduce this sum to meet the final cost of the refits and of the alterations and additional equipment, by an amount not exceeding 20% of the

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(1) "Treaty Series No. 61 (1957)," Cmnd. 260.

£400,000 by which the loan has been increased, *i.e.*, between limits of £320,000 and £480,000, without further authority from the Turkish Government.

- (4) The addition made to the loan in accordance with paragraphs (2) and (3) above shall be subject to the terms for repayment of the loan set out in paragraphs (5) and (6) of the Agreement.

If the foregoing proposals are acceptable to the Government of the Turkish Republic, I have the honour to suggest that this Note, together with Your Excellency's reply in that sense, should be regarded as constituting an agreement between the two Governments modifying the Agreement effected by the Exchange of Notes under reference with effect from this day's date.

I have, &c.,  
B. A. B. BURROWS.

No. 2

*The Secretary-General of the Turkish Ministry of Foreign Affairs to Her Majesty's Ambassador at Ankara*

Your Excellency, *Ankara, January 12, 1959.*

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of Your Note of to-day's date, which reads as follows:—

[As in No. 1.]

In reply, I have the honour to inform you that the Government of the Turkish Republic accept the above proposals and agree that Your Note, together with this reply, shall constitute an Agreement between the two Governments modifying the Agreement effected by the Exchange of Notes under reference with effect from this day's date.

I have, &c.,  
MELIH ESENBEL.

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