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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

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No. 1

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

Sir,

Rome, February 16, 1961.

I have the honour to refer to paragraph 76 of the United Nations Special Fund Desert Locust Project Plan of Operation done at Rome on the 9th of April, 1960, which provided for the conclusion of an agreement of six years' duration between the Food and Agriculture Organization acting as Executing Agency of the Project for the United Nations Special Fund and the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, whereby the Anti-Locust Research Centre in the United Kingdom will direct and conduct the Desert Locust Information Service of the United Nations Special Fund Desert Locust Project. Accordingly, in accordance with paragraph 39 of the Plan of Operation, after consultation with the United Nations Special Fund and with the approval of the F.A.O. Technical Advisory Committee on Desert Locust Control, I have the honour to propose an 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, acting as the Executing Agency for the United Nations Special Fund Desert Locust Project, shall continue the existing International Desert Locust Information Service, which shall hereafter be known as the Desert Locust Information Service. The Research Centre shall extend the Service to include the use of current meteorological information. It is understood that it will seek the assistance of the World Meteorological Organization for such purposes.
- (2) The Desert Locust Information Service shall remain an integral part of the Research Centre and personnel employed by the Research Centre in connexion 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 for any purposes, including privileges, immunities and compensation.
- (3) The Desert Locust Information Service shall perform the following functions:
 - (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 organizations concerned;

- (b) distribute these Summaries directly by air mail to all governments and organizations concerned;
 - (c) issue, when the locust situation warrants it, special warnings of dangerous developments, and distribute them to all the governments and all the organizations concerned directly by air mail or through the Food and Agriculture Organization, radio or the press;
 - (d) develop the use of current meteorological data 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 organization which may wish to examine them;
 - (f) collaborate, in accordance with paragraph 36 of the Plan of Operation, in the review by the Food and Agriculture Organization of national reporting and forecasting services with a view to eventual proposals to the governments concerned of ways to improve those services;
 - (g) submit to the Director-General for consideration by the Food and Agriculture Organization Technical Advisory Committee on Desert Locust Control, 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) In accordance with the relevant item in Section III of the Budget contained in Annex I of the Plan of Operation, the Food and Agriculture Organization in its capacity of Executing Agency of the United Nations Special Fund Desert Locust Project, undertakes to contribute to the additional cost incurred by the Research Centre in maintaining the Desert Locust Information Service the amount of U.S.\$33,000 for the first year, U.S.\$24,000 per annum for the second, third, fourth and fifth years and U.S.\$31,000 for the sixth year of the six-year period of the United Nations Special Fund Desert Locust Project. The six-year period shall run as from the 1st of July, 1960, in pursuance of the authorization given by the Managing Director of the United Nations Special Fund. It is understood that should the Food and Agriculture Organization 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.

2. 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 and the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, which shall enter into force on the date

of your reply when the Agreement constituted by the Exchange of Letters of 26th March/24th April, 1958 between the Food and Agriculture Organization and the United Kingdom Government⁽¹⁾ shall cease to have effect.

Accept, &c.

B. R. SEN,
Director-General.

No. 2

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

British Embassy,

Sir,

Rome, February 20, 1961.

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 16th February, 1961, which reads as follows:—

[As in No. 1]

In reply I have the honour to confirm, acting on the instructions of Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, that the above proposals are acceptable to the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, who agree that your letter together with this reply should be regarded as constituting an Agreement between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Food and Agriculture Organization which shall enter into effect on this day's date.

I am, &c.

ASHLEY CLARKE.

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