

## **ECONOMIC, TECHNICAL, AND RELATED ASSISTANCE**

Agreement Between  
the United States of America  
and Jordan

Effected by exchange of notes  
signed at Amman June 25 and 27, 1957;  
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The American Ambassador to the Jordan Minister of Foreign Affairs

EMBASSY OF THE  
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
AMMAN, JUNE 25, 1957.

No. 227

Excellency:

I have the honor to refer to recent conversations between representatives of our two governments and to advise you that the Government of the United States shall be prepared to furnish to the Government of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan economic, technical, and related assistance in accordance with the following understandings:

1. The Government of the United States and the Government of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan hereby affirm their desire to strengthen mutual understanding between their peoples, to further the development of the economic resources of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan and the maintenance of its stability so as to improve the people's welfare, and to increase the exchange of technical knowledge and skills that will facilitate development of the resources of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan.
2. The Government of the United States will furnish hereunder, in accordance with applicable United States laws and regulations, such economic, technical and related assistance as may be requested by designated representatives of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan and agreed to by representatives designated by the Government of the United States to administer its responsibilities hereunder, in accordance with arrangements to be mutually agreed upon by such representatives of the two governments. Such arrangements shall include a special administrative agreement which shall provide for the conduct of present and future programs and projects, including the disposition of assets available from previous programs and the manner in which each Government will carry out its obligations.
3. The Government of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan will make the full contribution permitted by its resources and general economic condition in furtherance of the purposes for which such assistance is made available, will take all appropriate steps to assure the effective use of such assistance, and, with respect to cooperative technical assistance programs hereunder, will bear a fair share of the costs thereof.

4. The Government of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan will make appropriate arrangements to assure that all procurement hereunder is primarily on a competitive basis and at all times at reasonable prices and on reasonable terms. Said Government will permit continuous observation and review by United States Government representatives of programs and operations hereunder, and records related thereto; will provide full and complete information concerning such programs and operations and other relevant information as may be required by the Government of the United States to enable it to determine the nature and scope of operations and to evaluate the effectiveness of the assistance furnished or contemplated. The Government of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan will give full publicity concerning programs and operations hereunder.

5. The Government of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan will, to the fullest extent possible, arrange for full coordination and integration of technical assistance programs being carried out in Jordan and will cooperate in the exchange of technical knowledge and skills with other countries with which the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan has friendly relations.

6. In any case where commodities or services are furnished on a grant basis under arrangements which will result in the accrual of proceeds to the Government of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan from the import or sale of such commodities or services, the Government of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, except as may otherwise be mutually agreed by the representatives referred to in paragraph 2., will establish in its own name a Special Account in the Ottoman Bank, and will deposit promptly in such Special Account the amount of local currency equivalent to such proceeds. Upon notification from time to time by the Government of the United States of its local currency requirements, the Government of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan will make available to the Government of the United States, in the manner requested by that Government, out of any balances in the Special Account, such sums as are stated in such notification to be necessary for such requirements. The Government of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan may draw upon any remaining balances in the Special Account for such purposes beneficial to Jordan as may be agreed upon from time to time by the designated representatives referred to in paragraph 2. Any unencumbered balances of funds which remain in the Special Account upon termination of assistance hereunder to the Government of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan shall be disposed of for such purposes as, subject to requirements of law of both countries, may be agreed upon by the designated representatives referred to in paragraph 2. All interest at any time accruing to the Special Account shall be considered a part of the Special Account.

7. The Government of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan will receive a United States mission and its personnel which will discharge the responsibilities of the Government of the United States hereunder; upon appropriate notification by the Government of the United States, will consider this mission and its personnel as part of the diplomatic mission of the United States in Jordan for the purpose of enjoying the privileges and immunities accorded to that mission and its personnel; will give full cooperation to the mission and its personnel. All personnel of the mission will be appointed by the Government of the United States, provided that personnel required for assignment as technicians will be so appointed only upon the request and with the prior approval of the

Government of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan. In the performance of their duties on projects the functions of these technicians shall be advisory.

8. In order to assure the maximum benefits to the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan from the assistance to be furnished hereunder:

(a) Any supplies, materials, equipment or funds introduced into or acquired in Jordan by the Government of the United States, or any contractor financed by that Government, for purposes of any program or project conducted pursuant to this Agreement shall, while such supplies, materials, equipment or funds are used in connection with such a program or project, be exempt from any taxes on ownership or use of property, and any other taxes, investment or deposit requirements and currency controls in Jordan; and the import, export, purchase, use or disposition of any such supplies, materials, equipment or funds in connection with such a program or project shall be exempt from any tariffs, customs duties, import and export taxes, taxes on purchase or disposition of property, and any other taxes or similar charges in Jordan.

(b) All personnel, except citizens and permanent residents of Jordan, whether employees of the Government of the United States or individuals and employees of public or private organizations under contract with the Government of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan or its agencies, who are present in Jordan to perform work in connection herewith and whose entrance into the country has been approved by the Government of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, shall be exempt from income and social security taxes levied under the laws of Jordan with respect to income upon which they are obligated to pay income or social security taxes to the Government of the United States, and from taxes on purchase, ownership, use or disposition of personal movable property intended for their own use. Such personnel and members of their families shall receive the same treatment with respect to the payment of customs and import and export duties on personal effects, equipment and supplies imported into Jordan for their own use, as is accorded by the Government of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan to diplomatic personnel of the American Embassy in Jordan.

(c) Funds introduced into Jordan for purposes of this Agreement shall be convertible into currency of Jordan at the rate providing the largest number of units of such currency per United States dollar which, at the time the conversion is made, is not unlawful in Jordan.

9. The Technical Cooperation Agreement signed at Amman February 27, 1951, as amended and implemented by the agreements of January 3 and 5, 1952, February 12, 1952, August 28 and September 10, 1952, April 7, 1953, December 31, 1953, and December 7, 1954, and the Special Economic Assistance Agreement signed at Amman May 4 and 13, 1954, as amended and implemented by the agreements of June 17, 1954, and March 17, 1956 and the agreement of July 27, 1954/FN1/[FN1 -Not Printed.] establishing the Office of Consolidated Services, and all financial contribution agreements executed pursuant to their terms are hereby superseded. The obligations of either Government to make deposits thereunder are hereby terminated. However, individual project agreements executed prior to the effective date of this Agreement shall continue in full force and effect, and the special administrative agreement referred to in paragraph 2. of this agreement shall provide for the manner in which obligations arising under such agreements shall be met.

I have the honor to propose that, if these understandings 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 July 1, 1957 and which shall remain in force until 60 days after the receipt by either government of written notification of the intention of the other to terminate it, it being understood, however, that the provisions of this Agreement shall remain in full force and effect with respect to assistance furnished pursuant to requests made under paragraph 2. hereof.

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

*/s/ L.D. Mallory*

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