

DEFENSE

Status of Forces

**Agreement Between the
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
and SURINAME**

Effected by Exchange of Notes at
Paramaribo January 17 and February 2, 1996

Entered into force February 2, 1996



NOTE BY THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Pursuant to Public Law 89—497, approved July 8, 1966
(80 Stat. 271; 1 U.S.C. 113)—

“ . . .the Treaties and Other International Acts Series issued under the authority of the Secretary of State shall be competent evidence . . . of the treaties, international agreements other than treaties, and proclamations by the President of such treaties and international agreements other than treaties, as the case may be, therein contained, in all the courts of law and equity and of maritime jurisdiction, and in all the tribunals and public offices of the United States, and of the several States, without any further proof or authentication thereof.”

No. 008

Excellency:

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I have the honor to propose that U.S. Armed Forces personnel and civilian employees of the U.S. Department of Defense ("U.S. personnel") deploy to Suriname to participate in the Exercise and that the Exercise be conducted according to the following arrangements.

The Government of the Republic of Suriname shall accord to U.S. personnel in Suriname in connection with the Exercise status equivalent to that provided to the administrative and technical staff of the United States Embassy in accordance with the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations April 18, 1961.

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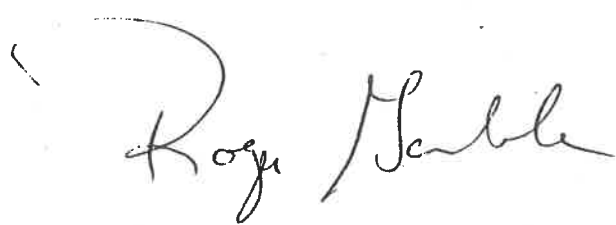
U.S. personnel who have been issued drivers licenses by appropriate U.S. licensing authorities may drive in Suriname without Surinamese drivers' permits. The drivers' licenses will be displayed to the Surinamese police authorities upon request.

The Government of the Republic of Suriname and the Government of the United States of America shall waive any and all claims against each other for damage, loss, or destruction of the other's property arising from Exercise activities. Claims by third parties arising out of Exercise activities shall be referred to the government alleged to be responsible for resolution in accordance with the laws of that government.

United States personnel may enter Suriname for purposes of the Exercise with United States military identification cards and collective movement or individual travel orders. Passports and visas shall not be required.

If the foregoing is acceptable to your Excellency's government, I have the further honor to propose that this note together with your Excellency's reply to that effect, shall constitute an agreement between our two governments which shall enter into a force on the date of your Excellency's reply.

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



His Excellency
Subhra Mungra
Minister of Foreign Affairs
Paramaribo



Note no.: 896

Excellency,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Your Excellency's Note No. 008 dated 17 January 1996, which reads as follows:

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I have further the honor to confirm on behalf of the Government of the Republic of Suriname the foregoing arrangements and to agree that Your Excellency's Note and this Note shall be regarded as constituting an agreement between the two Governments, which shall enter into force on the date of this reply.

I avail myself of this opportunity to extend to Your Excellency the assurances of my highest consideration.

Paramaribo, 2 February 1996.



Subhas Ch. Mungra
Minister of Foreign
Affairs of the
Republic of Suriname

To: His Excellency
Mr. Roger Gamble
Ambassador of the
United States of
America to the
Republic of Suriname