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Exchange of Letters
~~Termination of United Kingdom~~
Responsibility for the External Relations
of Tonga

Nuku'alofa, 19 May 1970

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No. 1

*The Premier of the Kingdom of Tonga to Her Majesty's Commissioner
 and Consul, Tonga*

*Premier's Office,
 Nuku'alofa,
 Tonga.*

19 May, 1970

Sir,

I have the honour to refer to the Treaty of Friendship between Her Britannic Majesty and His Majesty which was signed at Nuku'alofa on the 30th of May, 1968,⁽¹⁾ and to paragraph (3) of Article VII of the Treaty which provides that if at any time the Government of the United Kingdom shall cease to have any responsibility for the external relations of the Kingdom of Tonga, the provisions of Articles II, III, IV and V of the Treaty shall cease to have effect.

In order that Tonga may become a fully sovereign and independent State on the 4th of June 1970 it is necessary that those Articles of the Treaty should cease to have effect.

Accordingly I have the honour to propose that as from the 4th of June 1970 the Government of the United Kingdom should cease to have any responsibility for the external relations of the Kingdom of Tonga.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

TUIPELEHAKE,

Premier of the Kingdom of Tonga.

(1) Tonga No. 1 (1968), Cmd. 3654

No. 2

*Her Majesty's Commissioner and Consul, Tonga, to the Premier of
the Kingdom of Tonga*

*Nuku'alofa**19th May, 1970.*

Your Royal Highness,

I have the honour to refer to Your Royal Highness's letter of the 19th of May, 1970 concerning the Treaty of Friendship which was signed at Nuku'alofa on the 30th of May, 1968.

I am instructed by the Government of the United Kingdom to signify their agreement that as from the 4th of June 1970 they shall cease to have any responsibility for the external relations of the Kingdom of Tonga.

I have the honour to be,

Your Royal Highness's obedient Servant,

A. C. REID

Her Britannic Majesty's Commissioner and Consul

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