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REPUBLIC OF MAURITIUS
MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND INTERNATIONAL TRADE

No. 13/98 (1197/T)

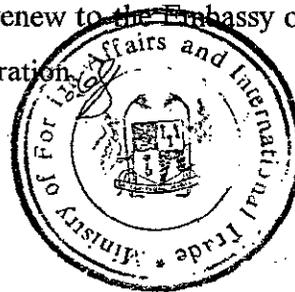
18 May 1998

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Trade of the Republic of Mauritius presents its compliments to the Embassy of the United States of America and, with reference to the Embassy's Note No. 24/98 dated 8 May 1998 regarding the United States Military Personnel, has the honour to advise that arrangements have been made with the competent Mauritian authorities for the clearance of the equipment mentioned in the Annex of the Embassy's Note under reference.

The said equipment may be cleared straight away so that the visiting team may take it along with them while leaving Mauritius. In this regard, the Embassy is requested to contact the customs officers in charge at the Plaisance Airport for the necessary clearance formalities.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Trade of the Republic of Mauritius avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Embassy of the United States of America the assurances of its highest consideration.

**Embassy of the United States of America
4th Floor Rogers House
President John Kennedy Street
Port Louis**



No. 24/98

The Embassy of the United States of America presents its compliments to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Trade, and has the honor to acknowledge receipt of the Ministry's Note No. 1870/9/64 and to confirm that the Ministry's Note and the Embassy's Note No. 15/98 will constitute an Agreement, with the understanding that equipment required for the training program will be allowed to enter and leave the country duty-free. A list of such equipment is attached.

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Enclosure

Embassy of the United States of America,
Port Louis, May 8, 1998



LIST OF ITEMS AND EQUIPMENT

A. COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT	Quantity
PRC/119	2
KYK-13	1
KL-43-C	1
AN-PSN-11 (GPS)	1
PRC-104	1
SABER RADIOS	12
SABER BATTERY CHARGER	2
SABER BATTERIES	20
PRC-137	1

B. OTHER EQUIPMENT	Quantity
ADVANCED COMBAT OPTICS	7
BINOCULAR, M19	2
BINOCULAR, M22	2
TELESCOPE, M144	2
NIGHT VISION GOGGLES	3
PANASONIC NOTEBOOK CPU	1
DESKTOP PRINTER 320	1
HITACHI LAPTOP COMPUTER	1
KS 99-CANON CAMERA	1
35MM LENS	1



REPUBLIC OF MAURITIUS

**MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS
AND INTERNATIONAL TRADE**

1870/9/6/4

7 May 1998

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Trade of the Republic of Mauritius presents its compliments to the Embassy of the United States of America and has the honour to refer to the Embassy's Note No. 15/98 dated 10 April 1998 addressed to the Hon. Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Trade.

The Ministry wishes to advise the Embassy that Government of Mauritius has agreed to the extension of the following facilities and privileges to the United States of America military personnel concerned:

- (a) they be granted diplomatic immunities under the 1961 Vienna Convention on Diplomatic relations;
- (b) they be authorised to wear their uniforms while performing official duties and to carry arms while on duty; and
- (c) all claims for damages, loss or destruction of others property arising out of the exercise be waived.

The Ministry also wishes to advise that passports and visas will be required. Moreover, in view of their short stay, duty-free facilities on importation and exportation as well as exemption from internal taxation of products as specified in the Embassy's Note No. 15/98 referred to above cannot be granted.

This Note and the Embassy's reply to this Note shall constitute an agreement between the Government of the Republic of Mauritius and the Government of the United States of America, which shall enter into force on the date of the reply of the Embassy.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Trade of the Republic of Mauritius avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Embassy of the United States of America the assurances of its highest consideration.

**Embassy of the United States of America
Port-Louis**



EMBASSY OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Port Louis, April 10, 1998

No. 15/98

Excellency:

I have the honor to refer to recent discussions between representatives of our two governments regarding issues related to the status of United States military personnel and civilian employees of the United States Department of Defense who may be temporarily present in Mauritius in connection with the Exercise Balance Monk 98-1.

As a result of these discussions, I have the honor to propose that such personnel be accorded the status equivalent to that accorded to the Administrative and Technical Staff of the United States Embassy under the 1961 Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations, and that they may enter and exit Mauritius with United States Government identification and with collective movement or individual travel orders. Passports and visas will not be required.

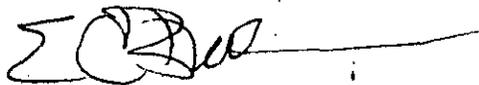
I further propose that such personnel also be authorized to wear their uniforms while performing their official duties and to carry arms while on duty if authorized to do so by their orders; and that the Government of Mauritius accord duty-free importation and exportation as well as exemption from internal taxation of products, property, material, and equipment imported into or acquired in Mauritius by or on behalf of the United States Government and its personnel in connection with the exercise.

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Finally, I propose that both governments waive any and all claims against each other, other than contractual claims, for damage, loss, or destruction of the other's property arising out of the exercise.

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

Furthermore, pursuant to discussions between representatives of our two governments, I am attaching for your government's signature the Memorandum for Record outlining the mutual agreements for the upcoming training. I propose that you return a signed copy to the Embassy and we will forward it to Special Forces Operational Detachment - Alpha 151.



Charge d'Affaires ad interim

Enclosure:

Memorandum for Record

His Excellency

Rajkeswur Purryag

Minister of Foreign Affairs & International Trade

Port Louis, Mauritius

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
Company B, 2nd Battalion, 1st Special Forces Group (Airborne)
Fort Lewis, Washington 98433-5000

AOSO-SFI-SN-B-151

23 March 1998

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: Memorandum of Agreement between Special Forces Operational Detachment-Alpha (SFODA) 151, B Company, 2nd Battalion, 1st Special Forces Group (Airborne) and the Mauritius Special Mobile Force (SMF) during BALANCE MONK 98 Final Planning Conference on 18-24 March 1998.

1. The purpose of this letter is to document mutual agreements to intentions, procedures, limits of future actions, present and/or future coordination and commitments.
2. The following points were agreed upon by both of the above listed parties:
 - a. BALANCE MONK 98 will take place from 25 May to 25 June 1998 in and around the Special Mobile Force (SMF) compound in Vacoas, Mauritius.
 - b. SFODA-151 will provide training to approximately 30 soldiers from the SMF.
3. SPECIAL MOBILE FORCE (SMF) agrees to the following points:
 - a. Provide classrooms sufficient for approximately 30 students during training.
 - b. Provide audiovisual support for training (overhead projectors, blackboards, chalk, dry erase boards, VCR's, slide projectors, etc.)
 - c. Provide transportation necessary for training including trucks, drivers, fuel and oil and maintenance.
 - d. Provide billeting for approximately 8 men from SFODA-151 including latrine and shower facilities.
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 - f. Provide rifle and pistol ranges with necessary support.
 - g. Provide secure storage for weapons and sensitive items with posted guard.
 - h. Provide access to large training areas for practical exercises.
 - i. Provide topographical maps of training areas (one per student) (1:25,000 or 1:50,000 scale)
 - j. Provide access to rock quarry/demolition range with necessary support personnel.
 - k. Provide necessary construction materials for demolitions range.
 - l. Provide helicopter aircraft and Coast Guard vessel support for integrated training.
 - m. Provide 24 hour medical evacuation support for entire BALANCE MONK 98 exercise.
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o. Provide communication means between SMF Headquarters and training sites.

4. SFODA-151, B Company, 2nd Battalion, 1st Special Forces Group (Airborne) agrees to the following:

a. Provide instructors, training schedules, training aids for approximately 30 students in the following subjects:

- (1) Troop Leading Procedures / Leadership Development & Philosophy
- (2) Development of After Actions Reviews (AAR) and Briefback concepts
- (3) Integrating of Host Nation Air & Sea assets for Joint Operations
- (4) Practical Exercises on all applicable training
- (5) Field Training Exercise (FTX) evaluation for exercises
- (6) Range Operations (Set-up and Safety considerations)
- (7) Weapons / Marksmanship evaluation & sustainment training concept
- (8) MEDEVAC Training (Integration to all operations)
- (9) Communications (Field Expedient Antennas & Message Traffic Dissemination)
- (10) Logistical Support Considerations
- (11) Demolitions
- (12) Reconnaissance Techniques
- (13) Operations in Urban Terrain

b. Provide available training manuals to SMF on subjects trained.

5. The following issues and concerns were discussed during the conference and require further coordination:

- a. Coordination with Mauritian Coast Guard and Helicopter Unit for exercise participation.
- b. Physical survey for land & water drop zones for future operations.

6. Goals prior to execution of BALANCE MONK 98:

- a. Complete all necessary coordination between SMF and SFODA-151.

- b. Complete internal detachment training and preparation.
- c. Agreement between SMF and 1st SFG(A) to discussed training schedule.

Mauritius Government Representative

US Special Forces Representative



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Detachment Commander