

# **Extradition: Continued Application to Singapore of the United States-United Kingdom Treaty of December 22, 1931**

Agreement effected by exchange of letters

Signed at Singapore April 23 and June 10, 1969;

Entered into force June 10, 1969.

The Acting Deputy Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Singapore, to the American Chargé d'Affaires ad interim

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MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, SINGAPORE.

MFA. 072:521/13

23rd APRIL, 1969.

DEAR MR. BRUNS,

The other day you raised the possible extradition of certain persons wanted in the United States for crimes committed there. In that connection, I have been told that under section 3(1) of our Extradition Act, 1968 (No. 14 of 1968) it is in effect provided that the United States is a foreign state to which Part II of the Act applies, subject to such conditions as may be contained in the Treaty signed on the 22nd of December, 1931, between the United States and the United Kingdom. [N1]

FN1. TS 849; 47 Stat. 2122.

End of Footnote(s).

2. In view of the changed constitutional position of Singapore to that of a sovereign independent State, it is necessary to have confirmation from your Government that the said Treaty, signed between the United States and the United Kingdom, which was extended to Singapore by Article 15 thereof, still continues to be binding on our two countries, subject to such necessary formal amendments. You will appreciate that this confirmation is necessary as extradition must necessarily work on the basis of reciprocity.

3. I would appreciate if you would kindly obtain clarification from your Government as to whether it is also their understanding that the Treaty concluded on 22nd December, 1931 between your Government and the United Kingdom and extended to Singapore continues to be binding on our two countries.

Thank you,

Yours sincerely,

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Mr. WILLIAM H. BRUNS,

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The American Chargé d'Affaires ad interim to the Acting Deputy Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of

Singapore

SINGAPORE June 10, 1969

DEAR MR. NATHAN:

I refer to your letter (MFA. 072:521/13) dated April 23, 1969 in which you informed the Embassy that under section 3(1) of Singapore's Extradition Act (No. 14 of 1968) it is in effect provided that the United States is a foreign state to which Part II of the Act applies, subject to the conditions set forth in the Treaty signed at London on December 22, 1931 between the United States and the United Kingdom.

You requested confirmation from the Government of the United States, in view of the changed constitutional position of Singapore to a sovereign state, that the aforementioned Treaty was extended to Singapore by reason of Article 15 thereof, and that it continues to be binding on our countries, subject to any necessary formal amendments.

I have been authorized by the Department of State to inform you that the Government of the United States considers the extradition treaty between the United States and the United Kingdom signed at London on December 22, 1931 to be in full force and effect between the United States and the Republic of Singapore.

Sincerely yours,

William H. Bruns

Chargé d'Affaires

Mr. S. R. Nathan

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20 U.S.T. 2764, 1969 WL 97888 (U.S. Treaty), T.I.A.S. No. 6744