Excellency,

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of Your Excellency's Note of today's date which is attached.

I have further the honor to assure Your Excellency of ASEAN's desire to cooperate on the matters stated in Your Excellency's Note and to confirm on behalf of ASEAN that this reply and Your Excellency's Note shall be considered as constituting an understanding between ASEAN and the United States, which will become effective upon notification to the Government of the United States by ASEAN of their acceptance of this understanding and will remain in force until terminated by either ASEAN or the United States.

For purposes of coordination of the Program, ASEAN will be represented by the Director-General, ASEAN-Philippines in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Philippines.

On behalf of ASEAN, I swail myself of this opportunity to extend to Your Excellency the assurances of our highest consideration.

TENGKU AHMAD RITHAUDDEEN Minister of Foreign Affairs Malaysia

2 July 1979 Denpasar, Indonesia