The Government of South Africa has submitted the text of an exchange of notes between the Governments of South Africa and Southern Rhodesia for the regulation of their trade relations with effect from 1 January 1964.

The notes read as follows:

"Prime Minister,
Salisbury,
23rd December, 1963

Sir,

"In view of the impending dissolution of the Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland on the 31st December, 1963, and the reversion to the Southern Rhodesia Government of the functions relating to Southern Rhodesia's Customs and Excise and related matters, I have the honour to propose that the terms and provisions of the Trade Agreement of the 16th May, 1960, as amended, between the Governments of the Republic of South Africa and the Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland, continue to apply as between Southern Rhodesia and the Republic of South Africa until such time as the two Governments have agreed upon and concluded the terms of their future trading relations.

"In the event of the above proposal being acceptable to you I have the honour to propose that, on acceptance by you of the above proposal, this note and your acceptance be regarded as constituting an agreement between our two Governments with effect from the day after the date of dissolution of the Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland.

"I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,
WINSTON FIELD,
Prime Minister of Southern Rhodesia."

¹BISD, 9th Supplement, page 231.
"Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your note of 23rd December, 1963, reading as follows: -

"In view of the impending dissolution of the Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland on the 31st December, 1963, and the reversion to the Southern Rhodesia Government of the functions relating to Southern Rhodesia's Customs and Excise and related matters, I have the honour to propose that the terms and provisions of the Trade Agreement of the 16th May, 1960, as amended, between the Governments of the Republic of South Africa and the Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland, continue to apply as between Southern Rhodesia and the Republic of South Africa until such time as the two Governments have agreed upon and concluded the terms of their future trading relations.

"In the event of the above proposal being acceptable to you I have the honour to propose that, on acceptance by you of the above proposal, this note and your acceptance be regarded as constituting an agreement between our two Governments with effect from the day after the date of dissolution of the Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland."

"I have the honour to confirm that the proposal in your note as quoted above is acceptable to the Government of the Republic of South Africa and that your note and this reply shall be regarded as constituting an agreement between our two Governments with effect from the day after the date of dissolution of the Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,
Your obedient servant,
D.P. OLIVIER,
Acting Accredited Diplomatic Representative.

The Hon. the Prime Minister of Southern Rhodesia,
P.O. Box 8122,
Causeway,
Salisbury."