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Embassy of the Republic of Uganda

Your Excellency,

I have the honour to present to you the Letters of Credence whereby the President of the Republic of Uganda accredited me as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary in the United States of America, and the letters of recall of my predecessor.

The President of the Republic of Uganda, Dr. A. Milton Obote asked me to convey to Your Excellency and through you to the Government and the people of the United States of America, his personal warm greetings, sincere regards and best wishes and those of the people of Uganda for Your Excellency's continued good health and the prosperity of your great nation.

The people of the Republic of Uganda are currently engaged in a struggle to reconstruct, rehabilitate and develop their nation after ten years of Amin's regime of murder and terror which left the economy of the country in shambles and the pride of its citizens shattered.

Uganda returned to Democratic rule in December, 1980 through a General Election which returned the Uganda Peoples Congress under its leader Dr. A. Milton Obote to power. United States and Uganda, save for the interim period of murder and terror, have always been bound together by common democratic principles and institutions. The United States played a leading role in the economic development of Uganda before the regime of murder and terror and Uganda wants the United States as the greatest nation on this globe today and as a traditional friend of Uganda to assume that role once again.



Embassy of the Republic of Uganda

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Today Uganda is faced with enormous problems of reconstruction, rehabilitation and development, but with the assistance of your Excellency's great nation, and the efforts of our hard working people at home, we hope to overcome these enormous problems.

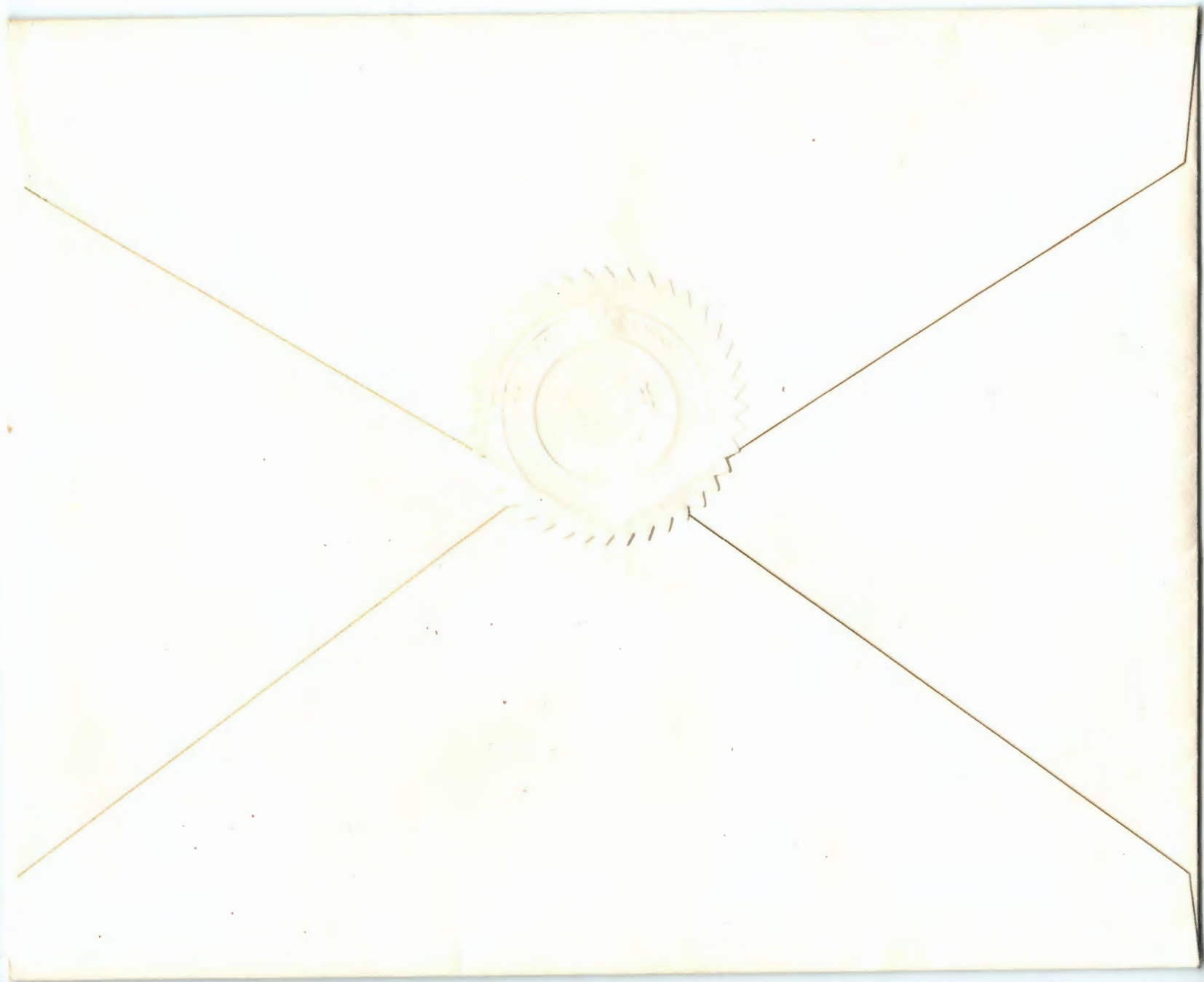
Your Excellency, I will, during my stay in Washington as Uganda's Ambassador, endeavour to strengthen and further the existing friendship, understanding and cooperation between the people of our two countries.

I wish, Mr. President, to express my sincere wishes for your own well-being and for the happiness and prosperity of the American people.

Finally, I have been asked by my President, to convey to your Excellency the assurances of his highest consideration and esteem.

HIS EXCELLENCY

THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA



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The President of the Republic of Malta

To

His Excellency Ronald Reagan,
President of the United States of America

Your Excellency,

Being desirous of maintaining and strengthening the friendship and cooperation between our two countries, I have appointed LESLIE N. AGIUS to be Ambassador of the Republic of Malta to the United States of America.

LESLIE N. AGIUS is worthy of the High Office to which he has been appointed and his personal qualities will enable him to discharge the duties of that Office in such a manner as will ensure Your Excellency's approval.

I therefore request Your Excellency to receive him favourably and to give credence and assistance to him in the work which he carries out on behalf of the Republic of Malta.

I take this opportunity to send to Your Excellency, the Government and People of the United States of America my sincere greetings and good wishes.

Anton Buttigieg

President

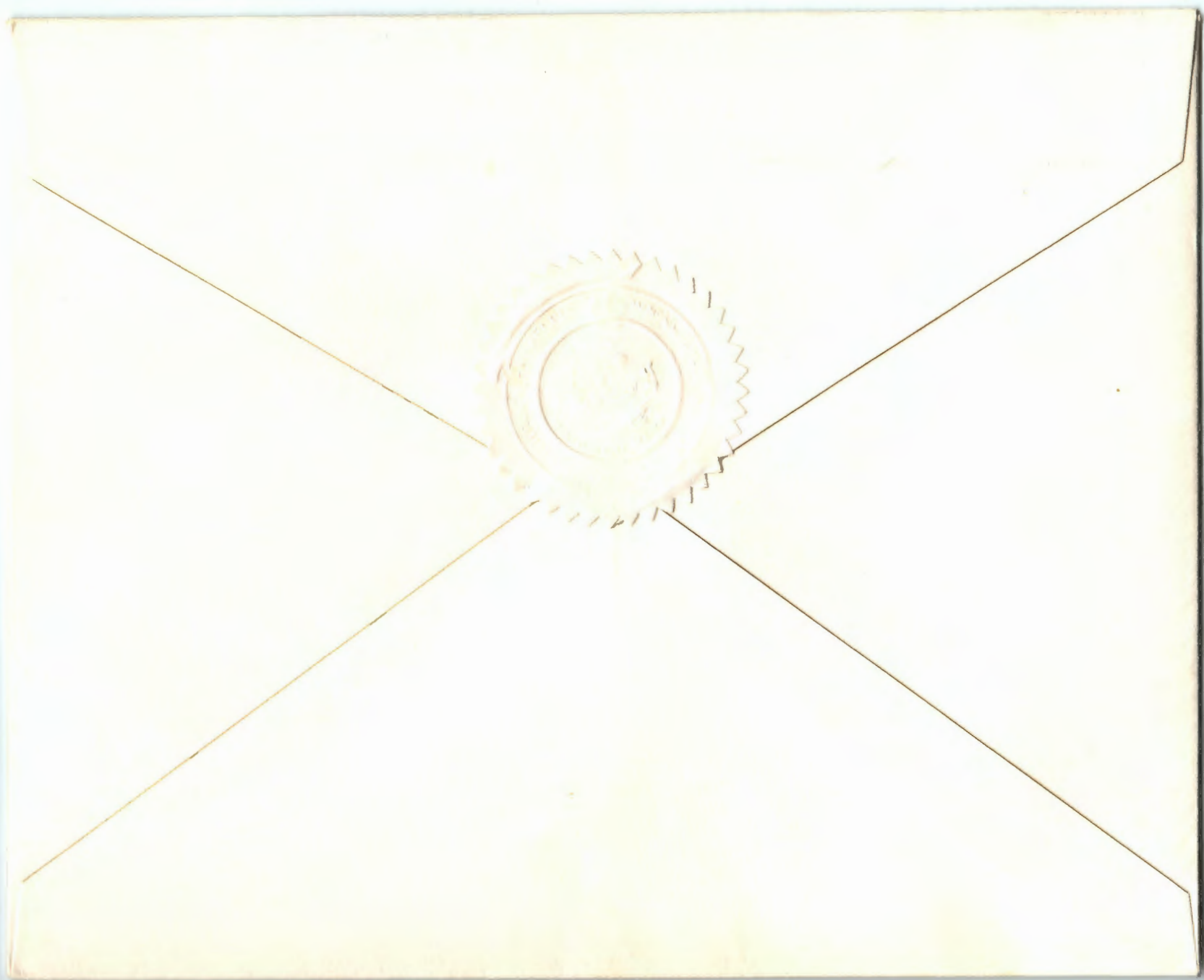
Given at Valletta, this 6th day of

July

1981.

HIS EXCELLENCY

THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA



Remarks by
H. E. MR. LESLIE N. AGIUS
on the occasion of
the presentation of his credentials
to the
President of the United States of America



Mr. President,

It is a great privilege and a personal honour for me to present to you today the Letters accrediting me as Malta's Ambassador to the United States of America.

With these Letters come the warm and sincere greetings of my President, my Prime Minister, the Government and the people of the Republic of Malta as well as best wishes for Your Excellency's good health and for peace and prosperity to the American nation.

Mr. President, Malta and the United States of America have known each other for years. Malta shares with the U.S.A. a love of freedom which led her to break with her colonial past. Without shedding of blood, the people of Malta chose a new path when on 31 March 1979, they adopted, of their own free will, a status of neutrality constantly working for peace and security in the interest of the Mediterranean region and the world at large.

Mr. President, your predecessor had expressed understanding of our desire to assume a status of neutrality and had promised to exert his influence with the United States' European allies to make them more receptive to Malta's demarches. His understanding of Malta's aspirations was, we are convinced, motivated also by the realization that a neutral Malta was a positive step not only for Malta but for the United States' European allies and ultimately also for the United States itself. There is no doubt that the United States, like other European

states, enthusiastically acclaimed Italy's decision, last September, to become the first country to 'guarantee' Malta's neutrality. This was the first international recognition of the positive contribution Malta's neutrality is making towards peace and stability in the Mediterranean and has paved the way for the conclusion of a number of similar agreements with other neighbouring countries.

We welcome, Mr. President, the establishment of a dialogue with representatives of the United States Government. We are happy that as a result of talks in Washington in early June we removed the misunderstandings that had arisen. We are convinced that Washington is prepared to support our status of neutrality, perhaps not in the precise terms that we seek, but in meaningful cooperation in all fields.

Mr. President, my presence before you today is not only an affirmation of the great importance my Government attaches to its relationship with the United States but is also the expression of a real desire by my Government for a much better understanding and a closer cooperation between our two countries. My Government has noted with pleasure and has appreciated the new approach by the Reagan administration towards my country. It was this positive approach that helped us eliminate those minor obstacles that were hindering our relationship. We feel that the time is right for us to explore all possible avenues for a warmer and more productive relationship.

There are many areas and common interests which unite our two countries and it is up to each one of us to identify them and use them as the basis for our future cooperation. On our part, let me assure you that we are ready, as of now, to make every possible effort towards this end. As a first step, my Government is prepared to send to Washington or to receive in Valletta a Cabinet-level delegation to lay the groundwork for our future relations.

Mr. President, I trust that the message of goodwill of which I am the proud bearer today, will be warmly reciprocated by your Government so that together we may build a stronger relationship between our two countries. On my part, I will leave no stone unturned in my endeavour to make this goal a reality and I am confident that throughout my mission I may rely on the assistance and cooperation of Your Excellency's Government.

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