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**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
and
GREECE**

Exchange of notes constituting an agreement relating to the extension of facilities to permit marine units of the United States fleet in the Mediterranean to carry out certain training exercises. Athens, 11 and 21 February 1949

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**ÉTATS-UNIS D'AMÉRIQUE
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GRÈCE**

Échange de notes constituant un accord relatif à l'octroi de certaines facilités pour permettre à l'infanterie de marine de la flotte des États-Unis en Méditerranée d'exécuter certaines manœuvres. Athènes, 11 et 21 février 1949

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No. 1182. EXCHANGE OF NOTES CONSTITUTING AN AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND GREECE RELATING TO THE EXTENSION OF FACILITIES TO PERMIT MARINE UNITS OF THE UNITED STATES FLEET IN THE MEDITERRANEAN TO CARRY OUT CERTAIN TRAINING EXERCISES. ATHENS, 11 AND 21 FEBRUARY 1949

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The American Ambassador to the Greek Minister of Foreign Affairs

AMERICAN EMBASSY

Athens, Greece, February 11, 1949

No. 71

Excellency :

I have the honor to inquire whether it would be agreeable to the Royal Hellenic Government to permit Marine units with the United States Fleet in the Mediterranean to carry out from time to time limited shore training exercises in Crete or in other Greek island localities mutually convenient to the competent American and Greek authorities and subject to *ad hoc* arrangements between these authorities. The purpose of such training would merely be to maintain the proficiency and condition of the Marine officers and men involved who are at sea for prolonged periods. Units engaged in training would continue to be ship based so that no facilities would be established ashore. The training conducted would consist of practice marches, short tactical problems, and, where facilities are already available, small arms firing.

I also have the honor to ask whether the Royal Hellenic Government would be good enough to grant the United States Navy permission to use the uninhabited Greek island of Pondikonisi (latitude 35-35 north, longitude 23-28 east), or similar, mutually convenient islands, for shore bombardment practices. The practices would include some flights over and some personal landings on the islands.

¹ Came into force on 21 February 1949, by the exchange of the said notes.

If the Royal Hellenic Government is agreeable to extending these facilities, it is proposed that this note and Your Excellency's reply to that effect shall constitute an agreement between our respective Governments.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Henry F. GRADY

His Excellency Constantine Tsaldaris
Minister of Foreign Affairs
Athens

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The Greek Deputy Prime-Minister to the American Ambassador

THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER
ΑΝΤΙΠΡΟΕΔΡΟΣ ΚΥΒΕΡΝΗΣΕΩΣ

Athens, February 21, 1949

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Your Excellency,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of Your Excellency's letter No. 71 of February 11th requesting the Royal Hellenic Government's consent for the supplying of certain training facilities to the United States Fleet in the Mediterranean.

I am authorized to inform Your Excellency that the Royal Hellenic Government, having noted the intended purpose and nature of the desired facilities and, more particularly, being anxious to avail themselves of every opportunity that would enable them to display their loyal adherence to the tradition of Greek-American friendship, are happy to agree to the proposals contained in Your Excellency's letter.

Please accept, your Excellency, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

Alex. N. DIOMÈDE
Deputy Prime-Minister

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