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**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
and
CUBA**

Exchange of notes constituting an agreement relating to exemption on a reciprocal basis of pleasure yachts of the two countries from navigation dues and the usual requirements of entry and clearance. Washington, 12 and 17 December 1951

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Échange de notes constituant un accord relatif à l'exonération réciproque des droits de navigation et des formalités habituelles d'entrée et de congé en ce qui concerne les yachts de plaisance des deux pays. Washington, 12 et 17 décembre 1951

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No. 2012. EXCHANGE OF NOTES CONSTITUTING AN AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND CUBA RELATING TO EXEMPTION ON A RECIPROCAL BASIS OF PLEASURE YACHTS OF THE TWO COUNTRIES FROM NAVIGATION DUES AND THE USUAL REQUIREMENTS OF ENTRY AND CLEARANCE. WASHINGTON, 12 AND 17 DECEMBER 1951

I

The Cuban Ambassador to the Acting Secretary of State

EMBAJADA DE CUBA
WASHINGTON, D. C.

574

December 12, 1951

Excellency :

I have the honor to inquire whether the Government of the United States would be disposed to conclude an arrangement with the Cuban Government with a view to exempting on a basis of reciprocity, the pleasure yachts of the two countries from navigation dues and from usual requirements of entry and clearance.

In this relation, I have the honor to inform Your Excellency that yachts used and employed exclusively as pleasure vessels and belonging to any resident of the United States, are allowed to arrive at and to depart from any Cuban port without entering or clearing at the customs house thereof, and without the payment of any entry or clearance charges, tonnage taxes, or charges for cruising licenses.

If Your Excellency's Government consents to grant on a basis of reciprocity the same facilities to pleasure yachts belonging to any resident of Cuba, I permit myself to propose that the present note and its reply will serve as an arrangement between our two countries.

Accept, Excellency, the assurances of my most distinguished consideration.

L. MACHADO

His Excellency Mr. James E. Webb
Acting Secretary of State
Washington

¹ Came into force on 17 December 1951, by the exchange of the said notes.

II

The Secretary of State to the Cuban Ambassador

DEPARTMENT OF STATE
WASHINGTON

Dec. 17, 1951

Excellency :

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your note No. 574 of December 12, 1951, inquiring whether the Government of the United States would be disposed to conclude an arrangement with the Government of Cuba with a view to exempting on a basis of reciprocity the pleasure yachts of the two countries from navigation dues and from usual requirements of entry and clearance.

In reply I have the honor to inform your Excellency that, in view (1) of the statements in your note concerning the extent of such privileges granted by Cuba to pleasure vessels belonging to any resident of the United States and (2) of the provisions of Section 104, Title 46 of the United States Code, the Government of the United States agrees to grant on a reciprocal basis the same privileges to pleasure yachts belonging to any resident of Cuba.

The Government of the United States further agrees, in accordance with your Excellency's proposal, that the note under acknowledgment and this note will serve as an arrangement between our two countries.

Accept, Excellency, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

For the Secretary of State :

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Thomas C. MANN

Acting Assistant Secretary of State

His Excellency Senor Dr. Luis Machado
Ambassador of Cuba