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**UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN  
AND NORTHERN IRELAND  
and  
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

**Exchange of notes constituting an agreement regarding  
technical assistance for the Caribbean area. Wash-  
ington, 12 and 20 January 1954**

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**ROYAUME-UNI DE GRANDE-BRETAGNE  
ET D'IRLANDE DU NORD  
et  
ÉTATS-UNIS D'AMÉRIQUE**

**Échange de notes constituant un accord relatif à la fourni-  
ture d'une assistance technique à la région des Caraïbes.  
Washington, 12 et 20 janvier 1954**

*Texte officiel anglais.*

*Enregistré par le Royaume-Uni de Grande-Bretagne et d'Irlande du Nord le  
27 juillet 1954.*

No. 2619. EXCHANGE OF NOTES CONSTITUTING AN AGREEMENT<sup>1</sup> BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA REGARDING TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FOR THE CARIBBEAN AREA. WASHINGTON, 12 AND 20 JANUARY 1954

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*The United States Secretary of State to Her Majesty's Ambassador at Washington*

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Washington, January 12, 1954

Excellency :

I have the honor to refer to the Agreement for Technical Co-operation between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland in respect of the Territories for the International Relations of which the Government of the United Kingdom are responsible, signed at London on July 13, 1951<sup>2</sup> (referred to below as the "General Agreement"), and to requests made pursuant thereto of the Government of the United States for technical assistance to the Governments of the Windward Islands, Barbados, and Trinidad and Tobago (referred to below as the "recipient Governments") in the general agricultural field of erosion control and soil conservation. Two programs have been specifically requested in this general field : (1) a preliminary land survey in Saint Lucia and Saint Vincent of the Windward Islands, British West Indies (referred to below as the "land survey program"), and (2) consulting services in suggesting a program of control of erosion in Barbados, Trinidad, and the Windward Islands (referred to below as the "erosion control program"). The Government of the United States of America, acting through the Institute of Inter-American Affairs of the Foreign Operations Administration, is agreeable to the furnishing of, and will furnish, such assistance to the extent set forth below :

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<sup>1</sup> Came into force on 20 January 1954 by the exchange of the said notes.

<sup>2</sup> United Nations, *Treaty Series*, Vol. 105, p. 71.

With respect to the land survey program, the Government of the United States will select and assign two soil conservation specialists to make a preliminary survey of approximately three weeks' duration in the Islands of Saint Lucia and Saint Vincent, for the purpose of examining and furnishing to the Government of the Windward Islands a report on the practicability and advisability of undertaking island-wide, pilot-demonstration soil conservation programs in the Islands of Saint Lucia and Saint Vincent, and furnishing estimates of the total costs involved. With respect to the erosion control program, the Government of the United States will select and assign a specialist in soil conservation for a period of approximately five months to study the extent of erosion damage in the Windward Islands, Barbados, and Trinidad; to give advice on preliminary erosion control work, and to suggest plans for water control and for the checking of soil erosion. An additional specialist in soil conservation may be selected and assigned by the Government of the United States to assist with the erosion control program if determined by that Government to be needed for satisfactory completion of the program. The specialists so assigned (referred to below as the "specialists") will work in co-operation with the Governments of the territories in which they will be operating.

The Government of the United States will pay the salaries of the aforementioned specialists in accordance with its laws and regulations, and the cost of their travel within the United States. It is understood that the recipient Governments will reimburse the United States Government for the cost of transportation of the specialists from the United States to the respective territories and their return to the United States, as well as the cost of their transportation within and between the Islands, and of their subsistence and travel allowances while outside the United States at rates comparable to those payable under the United States Government Standardized Travel Regulations. It is estimated that the reimbursement of such costs to the United States Government will amount to approximately \$1,620 (U.S.) in the case of the land survey program, and \$2,480 (U.S.) in the case of the erosion control program. Reimbursement shall be by check in currency of the United States made payable to The Institute of Inter-American Affairs of the Foreign Operations Administration. It is further understood that the recipient Governments will make available to the specialists suitable office space, office equipment, secretarial assistance, furnishings and supplies (including any demonstration equipment required for carrying out the programs); will pay the costs of their official communications within and between the Islands; will assist the specialists in making arrangements for transportation and housing as required in connection with their work; and will furnish collaborating personnel as required.

It is further understood that the recipient Governments will furnish the

specialists with any credentials necessary to facilitate their movements within and between the territories in which they will be operating.

The provisions of the General Agreement are applicable to the activities to be carried on hereunder. Any funds, materials and equipment introduced into the Islands for the purpose of carrying out activities hereunder shall be exempt from taxes, service charges, investment or deposit requirements, and currency controls.

The specialists assigned to duties pursuant hereto and accompanying members of their families shall be exempt from all income taxes and social security taxes levied under the laws of the United Kingdom and the recipient Governments with respect to income upon which they are obligated to pay income or social security taxes to the Government of the United States of America, and from property taxes on personal property intended for their own use. The specialists and any accompanying members of their families shall receive the same treatment with respect to the payment of customs and import duties on personal effects, equipment and supplies imported into the Islands for their own use, as is accorded by the Government of the United Kingdom to consular personnel of the United States in the British Territories of the Caribbean area.

If your Excellency's Government agrees to the aforementioned conditions and procedures on behalf of the recipient Governments, the Government of the United States of America will consider this Note and the reply thereto as constituting an agreement between our two Governments, which shall enter into force on the date of your Note in reply and shall remain in force until the completion of the program outlined herein, or until one month after either Government shall have given notice to the other of intention to terminate it, whichever is earlier.

Upon receipt of the aforementioned reply Note from the Government of the United Kingdom, the Government of the United States will take such further steps as may be necessary for the assignment of the aforesaid specialists.

Accept, &c.

For the Secretary of State :  
Livingston T. MERCHANT

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*Her Majesty's Ambassador at Washington to the United States Secretary of State*

BRITISH EMBASSY

Washington, D.C., 20th January, 1954

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your Note dated January 12, 1954, the terms of which are as follows : —

[*See note I*]

In reply I have the honour to inform you that the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, on behalf of the territories mentioned in your Note under reference, accepts the proposals set forth therein and, in accordance with your suggestion, your Note and this reply shall be regarded as constituting an Agreement between our two Governments which shall enter into force on this date.

I avail, &c.

Roger MAKINS