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and
NICARAGUA**

**Exchange of notes constituting an agreement relating to
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**Échange de notes constituant un accord relatif au tracé
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No. 2911. EXCHANGE OF NOTES CONSTITUTING AN AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND NICARAGUA RELATING TO THE SURVEYING AND CONSTRUCTION OF THE RAMA ROAD IN NICARAGUA. WASHINGTON, 2 SEPTEMBER 1953

I

The Nicaraguan Ambassador to the Secretary of State

EMBAJADA DE NICARAGUA

WASHINGTON 9 D.C.

Ref. No. 209-AKS

September 2, 1953

Excellency,

I have the honor to inform you that my Government desires to obtain the assistance of the Government of the United States of America in the construction of the Rama Road envisaged in Public Law 413 of the 82nd Congress of the United States, approved June 25, 1952.² In accordance with the terms of Section 5 of this legislation, I request in the name of my Government that the Government of the United States continue its cooperation in the survey and construction of the Rama Road. I am pleased to give the formal assurances of my Government that it :—

- (1) will provide, without participation of funds authorized by the United States legislation referred to, all necessary right-of-way for the construction of said highway, which right-of-way shall be of a minimum width where practicable of one hundred meters in rural areas and fifty meters in municipalities and shall forever be held inviolate as a part of the highway for public use ;
- (2) will not impose any highway toll, or permit any such toll to be charged for the use of said highway by vehicles or persons ;
- (3) will not levy or assess, directly or indirectly, any fee, tax, or other charge for the use of said road by vehicles or persons from the United States that does not apply equally to vehicles or persons of such Republic ;

¹ Came into force on 2 September 1953 by the exchange of the said notes.

² United States of America : 66 Stat. 160.

- (4) will continue to grant reciprocal recognition of vehicle registration and drivers' licenses in accordance with the provisions of the Convention for the Regulation of Inter-American Automotive Traffic, which was opened for signature, at the Pan American Union in Washington on December 15, 1943,¹ and to which such Republic and the United States are parties ; or any other treaty or international convention establishing similar reciprocal recognition ; and
- (5) will maintain said road after its completion in proper condition adequately to serve the needs of present and future traffic.

It is also understood that the cooperation of the United States in the survey and construction of the Rama Road will apply only to the survey and construction of the road from San Benito to Rama and that a survey, but not the construction, of a road will be undertaken from Rama to El Bluff in the Republic of Nicaragua and all expenditures for material, equipment and supplies shall, whenever practicable, be made for products of the United States or the Republic of Nicaragua.

My Government is aware that the continued survey and construction authorized by Public Law 413 is to be under the administration of the Bureau of Public Roads, Department of Commerce of the United States. It is, therefore, the intention of the appropriate Nicaraguan authorities, following this exchange of notes, to reach a subsidiary agreement with the Bureau of Public Roads to carry out the provisions of Public Law 413.

If the foregoing assurances are satisfactory to the Government of the United States, the Nicaraguan Government will consider the present note and your reply concurring therein as constituting an agreement between our two Governments which shall enter into force on the date of your reply.

I take pleasure in availing myself of this opportunity to present to you the assurances of my highest consideration.

Guillermo SEVILLA SACASA
Ambassador of Nicaragua

His Excellency the Secretary of State
The Department of State
Washington, D.C.

¹ United States of America : *Treaties and Other International Acts Series* 1567 ; 61 Stat., pt. 2, p. 1129.

II

The Under Secretary of State to the Nicaraguan Ambassador

DEPARTMENT OF STATE, WASHINGTON

September 2, 1953

Excellency :

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Your Excellency's courteous note dated September 2, 1953, in which you request the cooperation of the Government of the United States of America in the continued survey and construction of the Rama Road in Nicaragua.

I take pleasure in informing Your Excellency that the assurances which you offer are satisfactory to the Government of the United States. It is, consequently, the intention of the Government of the United States to extend to the Government of Nicaragua the cooperation envisaged in Public Law 413 of the 82nd Congress of the United States, approved June 25, 1952.

It is understood that the appropriate authorities of the Nicaraguan Government will make a subsidiary agreement with the Bureau of Public Roads, Department of Commerce, to carry out the provisions of the law.

The Government of the United States is extremely gratified that the construction of the Rama Road in Nicaragua is being resumed and that its completion is nearer reality. Transportation facilities will be improved, new material resources developed, additional markets opened, and local economic conditions will be benefited by this road. It is sincerely believed that this road will serve not only as a link to increase the trade between our nations but also as another bond in the close friendship which happily already unites us.

In accordance with the suggestion contained in Your Excellency's note, that note and this reply shall be considered as constituting an agreement between our two Governments, which shall enter into force on the date of this reply.

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

W. B. SMITH

His Excellency Señor Dr. Don Guillermo Sevilla Sacasa
Ambassador of Nicaragua