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**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
and  
PHILIPPINES**

**Exchange of notes constituting an agreement relating to enlistment of Philippine citizens in the United States Navy. Manila, 18 November and 13 December 1952 and 17 February and 9 March 1953**

*Official text: English.*

*Registered by the United States of America on 30 January 1956.*

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**ÉTATS-UNIS D'AMÉRIQUE  
et  
PHILIPPINES**

**Échange de notes constituant un accord relatif à l'engagement de citoyens philippins dans la marine américaine. Manille, 18 novembre et 13 décembre 1952 et 17 février et 9 mars 1953**

*Texte officiel anglais.*

*Enregistré par les États-Unis d'Amérique le 30 janvier 1956.*

No. 3134. EXCHANGE OF NOTES CONSTITUTING AN AGREEMENT<sup>1</sup> BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE PHILIPPINES RELATING TO ENLISTMENT OF PHILIPPINE CITIZENS IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY. MANILA, 18 NOVEMBER AND 13 DECEMBER 1952 AND 17 FEBRUARY AND 9 MARCH 1953

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I

*The American Ambassador to the Philippine Secretary of Foreign Affairs*

AMERICAN EMBASSY

No, 569

Manila, November 18, 1952

Excellency:

I have the honor to refer to the Agreement Between the United States of America and the Republic of the Philippines Concerning Military Bases signed at Manila on March 14, 1947<sup>2</sup> and, in particular, to Article XXVII thereof which reads as follows:

“ It is mutually agreed that the United States shall have the right to recruit citizens of the Philippines for voluntary enlistment into the United States armed forces for a fixed term of years and to train them and to exercise the same degree of control and discipline over them as is exercised in the case of other members of the United States armed forces. The number of such enlistments to be accepted by the armed forces of the United States may from time to time be limited by agreement between the two Governments. ”

My Government is desirous of accepting for voluntary enlistment in the United States Navy, for terms of either four (4) or six (6) years at the option of the applicant, not more than one thousand (1,000) male Philippine citizens per calendar year, eighteen (18) to thirty (30) years of age inclusive. Those accepted for enlistment will be available for assignment to duty throughout the naval establishment, both ashore and afloat.

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<sup>1</sup> Came into force on 13 December 1952, in accordance with the terms of the said notes.

<sup>2</sup> United Nations, *Treaty Series*, Vol. 43, p. 271; Vol. 68, p. 272; Vol. 185, p. 334, and Vol. 213, p. 370.

I am authorized by my Government to state that an acknowledgment of the receipt of this note containing Your Excellency's assurances that the proposal mentioned herein is acceptable to Your Excellency's Government will be considered by my Government as constituting an agreement between our two Governments, which may be terminated by either party on one year's written notice, and which will permit acceptance for voluntary enlistment, as indicated above, of not more than one thousand male Philippine citizens per year in the United States Navy pursuant to Article XXVII of the Military Bases Agreement. I suggest that the operating details necessary to the agreement be arranged directly between the Commander, United States Naval Forces, Philippines, and the Philippine Department of National Defense.

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

R. A. SPRUANCE

His Excellency Joaquin M. Elizalde  
Secretary of Foreign Affairs  
Republic of the Philippines

## II

### *The Philippine Secretary of Foreign Affairs to the American Ambassador*

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES  
DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

Manila, December 13, 1952

Excellency:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of Your Excellency's note No. 569, dated November 18, 1952, the text of which reads as follows:

[See note I]

In reply, I have the honor to inform you that, pursuant to Article XXVII of the Military Bases Agreement, my Government agrees that the United States Government may accept for voluntary enlistment in the United States Navy, for terms of either four (4) or six (6) years at the option of the applicant, not more than one thousand (1,000) male Filipino citizens per calendar year, eighteen (18) to thirty (30) years of age inclusive, subject to the condition that this agreement may be terminated by either party on one year's written notice to the other. It is the understanding of my Government that the termination

of this Agreement at any time as herein provided will not prejudice the rights of qualified recruitees to extend their enlistments or to reenlist for such period or periods as may be necessary to entitle them to retirement under existing United States laws, if they elect to do so.

In accordance with the suggestion contained therein, Your Excellency's note and this reply will be regarded as an Agreement between our two Governments.

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

J. M. ELIZALDE  
Secretary

His Excellency Raymond A. Spruance  
Ambassador of the United States of America  
Manila

### III

#### *The American Ambassador to the Philippine Secretary of Foreign Affairs*

THE FOREIGN SERVICE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
AMERICAN EMBASSY

No. 890

Manila, February 17, 1953

Excellency:

I have the honor to refer to Your Excellency's note dated December 13, 1952 in reply to my note No. 569 of November 18, 1952 regarding an agreement which would permit, pursuant to Article XXVII of the Military Bases Agreement, the voluntary enlistment in the United States Navy of one thousand (1,000) male Philippine citizens per calendar year. The last sentence of the second paragraph of Your Excellency's note reads as follows:

“ It is the understanding of my Government that the termination of this Agreement at any time as herein provided will not prejudice the rights of qualified recruitees to extend their enlistments or to reenlist for such period or periods as may be necessary to entitle them to retirement under existing United States laws, if they elect to do so. ”

I have the honor to inform Your Excellency that my Government accepts the understanding of Your Excellency's Government and will consider that this agreement entered into force on December 13, 1952.

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

R. A. SPRUANCE

His Excellency Joaquin M. Elizalde  
Secretary of Foreign Affairs  
Republic of the Philippines

IV

*The Philippine Secretary of Foreign Affairs to the American Ambassador*

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES  
DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

Manila, March 9, 1953

Excellency:

With reference to Your Excellency's Note No. 890 of February 17, 1953, which was a reply to mine of December 13, 1952, regarding an agreement made pursuant to Article XXVII of the Military Bases Agreement permitting the voluntary enlistment in the United States Navy of one thousand (1,000) male Philippine citizens per calendar year, I have the honor to inform you that my Government also considers that said agreement entered into force on December 13, 1952.

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

J. M. ELIZALDE  
Secretary

His Excellency Raymond A. Spruance  
American Ambassador  
Manila