

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
and  
UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN  
AND NORTHERN IRELAND  
(ON BEHALF OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO)**

**Exchange of letters constituting an agreement relating to  
the use of five islands for recreational purposes.  
Port of Spain, 19 November 1953 and 19 July  
1954**

*Official text: English.*

*Registered by the United States of America on 20 September 1956.*

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**ÉTATS-UNIS D'AMÉRIQUE  
et  
ROYAUME-UNI DE GRANDE-BRETAGNE  
ET D'IRLANDE DU NORD  
(POUR LE COMPTE DE LA TRINITÉ ET DE TOBAGO)**

**Échange de lettres constituant un accord relatif à l'utili-  
sation de cinq îles à des fins récréatives. Port-of-Spain,  
19 novembre 1953 et 19 juillet 1954**

*Texte officiel anglais.*

*Enregistré par les États-Unis d'Amérique le 20 septembre 1956.*

No. 3523. EXCHANGE OF LETTERS CONSTITUTING AN AGREEMENT<sup>1</sup> BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND (ON BEHALF OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO) RELATING TO THE USE OF FIVE ISLANDS FOR RECREATIONAL PURPOSES. PORT OF SPAIN, 19 NOVEMBER 1953 AND 19 JULY 1954

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*The American Consul General to the Colonial Secretary for Trinidad and Tobago*

THE FOREIGN SERVICE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
AMERICAN CONSULATE GENERAL  
PORT OF SPAIN, TRINIDAD, B. W. I.

November 19, 1953

The Honorable the Colonial Secretary  
Red House  
Port of Spain

Sir :

I have the honor to refer to your letter (No. D.567/I/II) of July 13, 1953,<sup>2</sup> in which your Government requested the United States Government to permit the utilization of the Five Islands (Nelson, Caledonia, Pelican, Lenagan, and Craig and Rock) for recreational purposes as well as for the maintenance of a quarantine Station.

In now have been instructed by my Government to inform you that it has no objection to the utilization of the Five Islands for the purposes indicated, subject to the following terms and conditions :

1. The United States Government may reoccupy the areas in the event of war or emergency upon 48 hours' notice, or at other times, upon 30 days' notice ;

2. The United States Government shall be free from any liability to pay compensation for claims arising during the Trinidad and Tobago Government's occupation or as a result of re-occupation by the United States ;

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<sup>1</sup> Came into force on 19 July 1954 by the exchange of the said letters.

<sup>2</sup> Not printed by the Department of State of the United States of America.

3. The Government of Trinidad and Tobago shall be free from any liability to pay rent or compensation to the United States for the use of the areas ;
4. The Government of Trinidad and Tobago shall be free to allow use of the areas by third parties ;
5. The Government of Trinidad and Tobago shall consult with the local United States authorities before constructing or carrying out improvements in the areas ;
6. Improvements constructed or carried out by the Government of Trinidad and Tobago shall not be such as to hinder expeditious reoccupancy of the areas by the United States Government ;
7. In the event of reoccupancy, the United States Government shall have the right to purchase any improvements made by the Government of Trinidad and Tobago, or its licensees ;
8. In the event of reoccupancy, the United States Government may require the removal, without cost to it, of any improvements not purchased ;
9. Utilization shall cause no permanent obstruction of, or permanent damage to existing bridges, roadways, or any allied installations, but this is not to be construed as imposing any obligation on the Government of Trinidad and Tobago to maintain such facilities.
10. Access to the area shall not involve entrance to the United States Naval Station, or interference with the seadrome ;
11. The United States Government shall have the right to inspect the areas at all reasonable times ; and
12. All the present rights of the United States Government, except as modified by this arrangement, shall remain unimpaired.

Should your Government be disposed to accept the utilization of the Five Islands for the purposes indicated, and under the terms and conditions set forth from 1 to 12 above, it is suggested that you reply in writing to this effect. This letter and your acceptance letter would then constitute an Agreement binding upon our two Governments, and effective as of the date of your reply.

Please accept, Sir, the renewed assurance of my highest consideration.

Respectfully yours,

William P. MADDOX  
American Consul General

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*The Acting Colonial Secretary for Trinidad and Tobago to the American Consul General*

THE SECRETARIAT  
TRINIDAD, BRITISH WEST INDIES

No. D. 567/1/II

19th July, 1954

Sir,

I am directed to refer to your letter of the 19th November, 1953, in which you communicated to this Government the terms and conditions under which the Government of the United States were prepared to permit the utilisation of the Five Islands (Nelson, Caledonia, Pelican, Lenagan, and Craig and Rock) for recreational purposes as well as for the maintenance of a quarantine Station.

2. This Government accepts the terms and conditions numbered 1 to 12 as set forth in the second paragraph of your letter under reference and is agreeable to the proposal that your said letter and this present letter of acceptance shall constitute an Agreement binding upon our two Governments, and effective as of the date of this letter.

I have the honour to be, Sir,  
Your obedient servant,

J. O'CONNOR  
Acting Colonial Secretary

The American Consul General  
American Consulate General  
Port of Spain