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and
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The Secretary of State to the Costa Rican Chargé d'Affaires ad interim

DEPARTMENT OF STATE
WASHINGTON

August 13, 1956

Sir :

I refer to the oral request of the Ambassador of Costa Rica on April 13, 1956 for the negotiation of a third party amateur radio agreement between the United States and Costa Rica, which would permit the exchange of third party messages between the radio amateurs of Costa Rica and the radio amateurs of the United States. The United States is agreeable to the negotiation of such an agreement on the following terms :

Amateur radio stations of Costa Rica and of the United States may exchange internationally messages or other communications from or to third parties, provided :

1. No compensations may be directly or indirectly paid on such messages or communications.
2. Such communications shall be limited to conversations or messages of a technical or personal nature for which, by reason of their unimportance, recourse to the public telecommunications service is not justified. To the extent that in the event of disaster, the public telecommunications service is not readily available for expeditious handling of communications relating directly to safety of life or property, such communications may be handled by amateur stations of the respective countries.
3. This agreement shall apply to all the continental and insular territory of Costa Rica and to the United States and its territories and possessions, including Alaska, the Hawaiian Islands, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands and to the Panama Canal Zone. It shall also be applicable to the case of amateur stations licensed by the United States authorities to United States citizens in other areas of the world in which the United States exercises licensing authority.

¹ Came into force on 19 October 1956 by the exchange of the said notes.

4. This arrangement shall be subject to termination by either Government on sixty days notice to the other Government, by further arrangement between the two Governments dealing with the same subject, or by the enactment of legislation in either country inconsistent therewith.

It is suggested that this note together with your reply concurring with the terms herein shall constitute an agreement between our two Governments on this subject.

Accept, Sir, the renewed assurances of my high consideration.

For the Secretary of State :

Henry F. HOLLAND

911.4118/5-546

Señor Don Jorge Hazera
Chargé d'Affaires ad interim of Costa Rica

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The Costa Rican Ambassador to the Secretary of State

EMBAJADA DE COSTA RICA¹
WASHINGTON

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October 19, 1956

Excellency :

I have the honor to refer to Your Excellency's note of August 13, 1956, No 911.4118/5-546, which was in regard to the request of the Government of Costa Rica for the negotiation of a third party amateur radio agreement between the United States and Costa Rica, which would permit the exchange of third party messages between the radio amateurs of Costa Rica and the radio amateurs of the United States.

The terms outlined in Your Excellency's note, under which the United States would be agreeable to the negotiation of such an agreement, were submitted in due time to the Government of Costa Rica for its consideration, and today I have received a note from my Foreign Office informing that the Costa Rican Government concurs with those terms.

¹ Embassy of Costa Rica.

Therefore, and in accordance with the last paragraph of Your Excellency's note, it is understood that as of this date an agreement between our two Governments on this subject is on existence.

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

Gonzalo J. FACIO

His Excellency John Foster Dulles
The Secretary of State
Washington, D.C.