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**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
and
LIBERIA**

**Exchange of notes constituting an agreement relating to
the transfer of property at Roberts Field. Washington,
19 April 1955 and 21 August and 22 September 1956**

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**ÉTATS-UNIS D'AMÉRIQUE
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**Échange de notes constituant un accord relatif à la cession
de biens situés à Roberts Field. Washington, 19 avril
1955 et 21 août et 22 septembre 1956**

Texte officiel anglais.

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No. 4027. EXCHANGE OF NOTES CONSTITUTING AN AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND LIBERIA RELATING TO THE TRANSFER OF PROPERTY AT ROBERTS FIELD. WASHINGTON, 19 APRIL 1955 AND 21 AUGUST AND 22 SEPTEMBER 1956

I

The Secretary of State to the Liberian Ambassador

DEPARTMENT OF STATE
WASHINGTON

April 19, 1955

Excellency :

I have the honor to refer to our exchange during May, June and July of last year² of notes on Roberts Field and to inform you that the repair work to which my Government committed itself has been completed.

As further evidence of United States cooperation with Liberia I am pleased to inform you of the decision of my Government to donate to the Government of Liberia, subject to certain conditions specified below, certain property of the United States Government presently located at Roberts Field. In addition, my Government is prepared to transfer to the Government of Liberia the interest of the United States Government in property held jointly with Pan American World Airways and now at Roberts Field, also subject to the conditions noted below. A list of both the wholly owned and jointly owned property is appended hereto.³

I am also pleased to inform you that Pan American World Airways has notified the Department of State of its willingness to relinquish its interest in that property held jointly with the Government of the United States and presently located at Roberts Field provided your Government concurs in certain conditions. A copy of a letter dated March 25, 1955,² from Pan American World Airways to the Department of State expressing these views is attached.

¹ Came into force on 4 January 1957, upon the execution of documents of transfer and receipt, in accordance with the provisions of the said notes.

³ Not printed by the Department of State of the United States of America.

In connection with the donation of its interest in the foregoing property, my Government requests prior written assurances (1) that such property will remain at Roberts Field exclusively for the maintenance and operation of that airport, (2) that such property will not be disposed of in any way without prior written approval of the Government of the United States, and (3) that such property will be made available at no charge to the agent of the Liberian Government for operation and maintenance of the airport as long as such agent is an American company or entity or subsidiary thereof.

It is the understanding of my Government that the Liberian Government and the agent in question will enter into appropriate written arrangements governing the use of the foregoing property at the airport. Upon receipt of the assurances requested and the completion of these arrangements appropriate documents of transfer and receipt will be furnished to your Government in order to consummate this donation.

The Government of the United States will consider this note and your note in reply concurring therein as constituting an agreement between our respective Governments which will enter into force upon the execution of the documents of transfer and receipt heretofore mentioned.

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

For the Secretary of State :

George V. ALLEN

Enclosures :¹

1. List of property.
2. Copy of letter.

His Excellency Clarence Lorenzo Simpson
Ambassador of Liberia

II

The Liberian Ambassador to the Acting Secretary of State

EMBASSY OF LIBERIA
WASHINGTON

21 August 1956

Mr. Secretary :

I have the honor to refer to my letter of April 7, 1956,¹ regarding the turn over of surplus property at Robertsfield which the United States Government offered to the Liberian Government sometime ago, and to advise that my Government is now agreeable to accepting said property.

¹ Not reproduced in the copies of the Agreement transmitted for registration. The Department of State of the United States of America considers that these enclosures do not constitute an integral part of the Agreement and that their inclusion is not required under article 5 of the Regulations to give effect to Article 102 of the Charter of the United Nations and paragraph 5 of the General Assembly resolution 482 (V).

In view of the above, your acknowledgment would be considered as an agreement to the Liberian Government's acceptance of the terms and conditions set forth in previous correspondence.

Please accept, Mr. Secretary, the assurances of my highest consideration.

George PADMORE
Ambassador

The Honorable the Acting Secretary of State
Department of State
Washington, D.C.

III

The Acting Secretary of State to the Liberian Ambassador

DEPARTMENT OF STATE
WASHINGTON

September 22, 1956

Excellency :

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of Your Excellency's note of August 21, 1956, and to confirm that our two Governments are now in agreement with respect to the transfer to the Government of Liberia of certain United States Government property presently located at Roberts Field, Liberia. The property is presently in use for the operation of that airfield and is described in pertinent inventories.

It is understood that this transfer is subject to the terms and conditions set forth in the Department of State's note of April 19, 1955, and that this agreement will enter into force upon the execution of the appropriate documents of transfer and receipt by the United States Ambassador at Monrovia and a duly authorized representative of the Liberian Government.

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

For the Acting Secretary of State :
William M. ROUNTREE

His Excellency George A. Padmore
Ambassador of Liberia