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No. 4029. EXCHANGE OF NOTES CONSTITUTING AN AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND FRANCE RELATING TO THE ESTABLISHMENT AND OPERATION OF A RAWINSONDE OBSERVATION STATION ON GUADELOUPE ISLAND IN THE FRENCH WEST INDIES. PARIS, 23 MARCH 1956

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The American Chargé d'Affaires ad interim to the French Minister for Foreign Affairs

THE FOREIGN SERVICE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
AMERICAN EMBASSY

No. 325

Paris, March 23, 1956

Excellency :

I have the honor to refer to conversations which have taken place between representatives of the Government of the United States of America and representatives of the Government of France regarding the desirability of establishing a cooperative program for the establishment and operation of a rawinsonde observation station on the island of Guadeloupe in the French West Indies.

The purpose of such a program is to provide essential meteorological information for research into the origin, development, structure, and movement of hurricanes and for the preparation of hurricane warnings. The ultimate object is to achieve greater accuracy and timeliness in forecasts of hurricanes and in warnings of accompanying destructive winds, tides and floods.

In view of the mutual benefit to our countries which is likely to result, the Government of the United States of America desires to invite the Government of France to participate in a cooperative meteorological observation program, in accordance with the following principles :

1. *Cooperating Agencies*

The cooperating agencies shall be

- (1) for the Government of the United States of America, the Weather Bureau, Department of Commerce, hereinafter referred to as the United States Cooperating Agency and

¹ Came into force on 18 June 1956, the date of signature of a memorandum of arrangement embodying technical details, in accordance with the provisions of the said notes.

- (2) for the Government of France, the Météorologie Nationale of France, hereinafter referred to as the French Cooperating Agency.

2. *General Purposes*

The general purposes of the present agreement shall be as follows :

- (a) To provide for the establishment, operation and maintenance of a rawinsonde station at or in the vicinity of Pointe-à-Pitre-Raizet, Guadeloupe, the exact location to be selected by mutual arrangement between the two Cooperating Agencies, for securing reports of regularly scheduled and special rawinsonde observations; and
- (b) To provide for the daily exchange of rawinsonde observation reports between the two Cooperating Agencies for the use of the respective countries, in addition to other exchanges previously established.

3. *Title to Property*

For the duration of the project title to all property purchased with funds supplied by the United States Cooperating Agency shall remain vested in that Agency, and title to all property supplied by the French Cooperating Agency shall remain vested in that Agency.

4. *Expenditures*

All expenditures incurred by the United States Cooperating Agency shall be paid directly by the Government of the United States of America, and all expenditures incident to the obligations assumed by the French Cooperating Agency shall be paid directly by the Government of France.

5. *Duty-free entry of equipment and supplies*

All equipment and supplies shipped from the United States of America for use in the cooperative program shall be admitted into Guadeloupe duty free.

6. *Term*

The agreement shall remain in effect through June 30, 1959, and may be continued in force for additional periods by written agreement to that effect by the two Governments, but either Government may terminate the present agreement by giving to the other Government notice in writing sixty days in advance. Participation on the part of either Government in the project contemplated by the present agreement shall be subject to the availability of funds appropriated by the legislative bodies of the respective Governments.

If the above principles meet with the approval of the Government of France, I should appreciate receiving Your Excellency's reply to that effect as soon as possible in order that the technical details may be arranged by officials of the two Cooperating Agencies.

I suggest that this note and your reply thereto accepting the aforementioned principles be considered as constituting an agreement between our two Governments concerning this matter, such agreement to enter into effect on the date when representatives of the two Cooperating Agencies of our Governments sign the Memorandum of Arrangement embodying the aforementioned technical details. It is understood, however, that the Memorandum of Arrangement may be amended at any time by concurrence of the two Cooperating Agencies.

I avail myself of this opportunity to renew to Your Excellency the assurances of my highest and most distinguished consideration.

Theodore C. ACHILLES
Chargé d'Affaires ad interim

His Excellency Christian Pineau
Minister for Foreign Affairs
Paris

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*The French Director of Administrative and Social Affairs to the American Chargé
d'Affaires ad interim*

[TRANSLATION¹ — TRADUCTION²]

LIBERTY—EQUALITY—FRATERNITY

FRENCH REPUBLIC

MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

Office of the Director of Administrative and Social Affairs
International Unions

Paris, March 23, 1956

Mr. Chargé d'Affaires :

In a note dated March 23, 1956, you were good enough to inform me that the American Government intends to expand its rawinsonde program with a view to studying the origin, formation, and development of cyclones in the West Indies area.

¹ Translation by the Government of the United States of America.

² Traduction du Gouvernement des États-Unis d'Amérique.

To that end the American Government would like to conclude with the French Government an agreement worded as follows :

In view of the mutual benefit to their countries that should result therefrom, the French and American Governments have decided to prepare a joint meteorological observation program on the following bases :

1. The agencies charged with implementing this program shall be, for the Government of the United States, the Weather Bureau, and for the French Government, *Météorologie Nationale*.

2. The general purposes of the present agreement shall be as follows :

(a) The installation of a rawinsonde station at Pointe-à-Pitre-Raizet, the exact location to be determined by agreement between the Weather Bureau and *Météorologie Nationale*;

(b) The daily exchange between these two agencies of information gathered by the Station for the use of their respective Governments.

3. For the duration of the project, the Weather Bureau shall retain title to all property purchased with funds supplied by the Bureau. Likewise, *Météorologie Nationale* shall retain ownership of purchases made with its funds during the same period.

4. All expenses incurred by the Weather Bureau shall be paid directly by the Government of the United States, and all expenses incident to the obligations assumed by *Météorologie Nationale* shall be paid directly by the French Government.

5. Equipment and supplies imported from the United States for the implementation of the program shall be admitted into Guadeloupe duty-free.

6. The agreement shall remain in effect until June 30, 1959 and may be extended for additional periods by an exchange of notes between the two Governments; but either Government may terminate it by written notice given 60 days before the aforementioned date. Financial participation of the two Governments in the project contemplated shall be subject to the availability of the necessary funds appropriated by their respective legislative assemblies.

I have the honor to inform you that the provisions of this agreement meet with the approval of the French Government.

I avail myself of this occasion to renew to you the assurances of my very high consideration.

Philippe MONOD

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Mr. Théodore C. Achilles
Chargé d'Affaires of the United States
Paris