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**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
and
NETHERLANDS**

Exchange of notes constituting an agreement relating to the establishment and operation of rawinsonde observation stations on Curaçao and St. Martin Islands. The Hague, 6 and 16 August 1956

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No. 4031. EXCHANGE OF NOTES CONSTITUTING AN AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE NETHERLANDS RELATING TO THE ESTABLISHMENT AND OPERATION OF RAWINSONDE OBSERVATION STATIONS ON CURAÇAO AND ST. MARTIN ISLANDS. THE HAGUE, 6 AND 16 AUGUST 1956

I

The American Ambassador to the Netherlands Minister Without Portfolio

AMERICAN EMBASSY

The Hague, August 6, 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 the Kingdom of the Netherlands regarding the desirability of establishing a cooperative program for the establishment and operation of rawinsonde observation stations in Curaçao and St. Martin (Sint Maarten).

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 the Kingdom of the Netherlands to participate in a cooperative meteorological observation program, in accordance with the following principles :

I. 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

¹ Came into force on 12 September 1956, the date of signature of a memorandum of arrangement embodying technical details, in accordance with the provisions of the said notes.

the United States Cooperating Agency and (2) for the Government of the Kingdom of the Netherlands, the Netherlands Antilles Meteorological Office, hereinafter referred to as the Netherlands Antilles 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 rawinsonde stations at or in the vicinity of Curaçao and St. Martin (Sint Maarten), the exact locations 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 Netherlands Antilles Cooperating Agency shall remain vested in that Agency.

At the conclusion of the project, in order to assist the Netherlands Antilles Cooperating Agency to continue the operation of the station at Curaçao and as a partial consideration of services rendered during the course of the project by the Netherlands Antilles Cooperating Agency in assisting with the operation of an upper-air reporting facility supplying information that is not only of value to the Netherlands Antilles Cooperating Agency but of considerable value to International Aviation and the United States Cooperating Agency for use in weather forecasting and warning as well as hurricane and tropical weather research, the United States Cooperating Agency shall transfer to the Netherlands Antilles Cooperating Agency title to existing facilities, equipment and instruments and whatever other materials may be at the site at Curaçao for maintaining and operating the station.

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 Netherlands Antilles Cooperating Agency shall be paid directly by the Government of the Netherlands Antilles.

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, including the household goods, automobiles, and other personal effects of the United States citizen employees assigned to the program, shall be admitted into Curaçao and St. Martin (Sint Maarten) duty free.

6. TERM

The agreement shall remain in force for one year, as from the date of its entering into effect, and may be continued in force for additional periods of one year 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 the Kingdom of the Netherlands 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. In the event that these signatures are not simultaneous, the agreement will enter into effect on the date on which the latter signature shall have been affixed to the Memorandum. 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.

H. Freeman MATTHEWS

His Excellence J. M. A. H. Luns
Minister Without Portfolio
The Hague

II

The Netherlands Minister for Foreign Affairs to the American Ambassador

MINISTRY FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS
WESTERN HEMISPHERE DEPARTMENT
THE HAGUE

No. 109986

The Hague, August 16, 1956

Excellency :

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of Your Excellency's note dated August 6, 1956, addressed to my colleague Mr. Luns, and reading as follows :

[*See note I*]

I have the honour to inform Your Excellency that the Government of the Kingdom of the Netherlands accept the aforementioned principles and will regard Your Excellency's note and the present reply as constituting an agreement between our two Governments concerning this matter, such agreement to enter into force in the manner indicated in Your Excellency's note.

Please accept, Excellency, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

J. W. BEYEN

His Excellency H. Freeman Matthews
United States Ambassador
The Hague
