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The American Ambassador to the Chilean Minister of Foreign Affairs

No. 171

Santiago, April 10, 1956

Excellency :

Informal conversations between representatives of our two Governments have indicated that a cooperative program of general geological and mineralogical investigations of uranium resources in Chile for the purpose of discovering and appraising such uranium resources would be in the interests of both of our Governments. I have the honor to present the outlines of such a program proposed by the United States Government.

In connection with United States assistance to Chile under the proposed program, the United States Government through the United States Atomic Energy Commission is prepared to :

1. Assign two experienced geologists familiar with uranium exploration in the United States to work with Chilean geologists in the agreed program during the period the agreement is in effect in reconnaissance investigations for uranium occurrences.
2. Provide, for use in the agreed program during the period the agreement is in effect, suitable radiometric equipment for the field parties.
3. Provide, for use in the agreed program during the period the agreement is in effect, laboratory radiometric equipment needed to support the field work, if such equipment is required.
4. Assist in developing a long-range program for investigation of uranium resources.

The Government of Chile would undertake the following :

1. To assign to the program an adequate number of technical personnel assistants and helpers.
2. To provide adequate office and laboratory space and related equipment and services.
3. To provide equipment, supplies, and services for field and laboratory operations, insofar as they are available in Chile, including motor vehicles.

¹ In accordance with the provisions of the said notes, the Agreement came into force on 26 September 1957, the date of receipt by the Government of the United States of America of a notification from the Government of Chile that it had ratified the Agreement in accordance with its legislative requirements.

4. To permit the tax free entry into, residence in, and exit from Chile of the United States personnel assigned to the program and their dependents and the tax free entry into, presence in, and exit from Chile of supplies, equipment, and personal effects.

Reports of investigations prepared by the technical staff would be submitted to both Governments for consideration and should be for their exclusive use until such time as both Governments give their consent to the publication thereof. It is suggested that the two Governments should consult each other from time to time to determine whether information developed by this program requires a security classification and that it be agreed that any information which by mutual agreement is classified as security information shall be safeguarded accordingly.

Detailed physical exploration and development of specific uranium deposits and subsequent mining, processing and disposal of ores or concentrates would not be a function of the program ; however, if the existence of potentially economic deposits is established by the reconnaissance survey, consideration would be given by the two Governments to the negotiation of an agreement, covering the development, production and sale of uranium to the United States Atomic Energy Commission, taking into account the anticipated requirements, if any, of both Governments at that time. In this connection, the Government of Chile would assure the Government of the United States that it is favorably disposed to supplying uranium to the United States under terms to be mutually agreed to and under conditions consistent with its own internal requirements for uranium for nuclear energy purposes. The Government of Chile would further assure the Government of the United States that it will take effective measures to prevent Chilean uranium ore from reaching areas where its use might prove prejudicial to the interests of the Western Hemisphere.

If the arrangement as outlined above meets with the approval of your Government, your note expressing such approval together with the present note shall be considered as constituting an agreement between our two Governments effective on the date of receipt by the Government of the United States of a notification from the Government of Chile that it has ratified the agreement in accordance with its legislative requirements. Such agreement shall remain in force for two years unless sooner terminated by six month's notice in writing given by either Government to the other, and shall be subject to renewal by formal agreement between the two Governments.

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

Willard L. BEAULAC

His Excellency Don Enrique O. Barbosa Baeza
Minister of Foreign Affairs
Santiago

Al expresar a Vuestra Excelencia la aprobación del Gobierno de Chile a los términos del anterior programa propuesto por el Gobierno de los Estados Unidos, me es grato manifestar que la nota de Vuestra Excelencia y la presente comunicación son consideradas como constitutivas del Acuerdo a que han llegado los dos Gobiernos en relación con las finalidades señaladas.

Aprovecho la oportunidad para renovar a Vuestra Excelencia las seguridades de mi más alta y distinguida consideración.

Enrique O. BARBOSA B.

Excelentísimo Señor Willard Leon Beaulac
Embajador Extraordinario y Plenipotenciario
de los Estados Unidos de América
Presente

[TRANSLATION¹ — TRADUCTION²]

REPUBLIC OF CHILE
MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

Bureau of Economics
Economic Affairs Department

No. 03295

Santiago, April 20, 1956

Mr. Ambassador :

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of note No. 171, dated April 10 of this year, in which Your Excellency, in behalf of the Government of the United States of America, proposes to the Government of Chile the conclusion of an agreement relating to joint exploration for radioactive minerals, the text of which is the following :

[See note I]

In informing Your Excellency of the approval by the Government of Chile of the terms of the foregoing program proposed by the Government of the United States, I am pleased to state that Your Excellency's note and the present communication are considered as constituting the agreement reached by the two Governments with respect to the purposes indicated.

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

Enrique O. BARBOSA B.

His Excellency Willard Leon Beaulac
Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary
of the United States of America
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¹ Translation by the Government of the United States of America.

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