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**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
and  
PERU**

**Exchange of notes constituting an agreement relating to  
drought relief assistance to Peru. Washington, 16 and  
19 July 1957**

*Official text: English.*

*Registered by the United States of America on 19 March 1958.*

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**ÉTATS-UNIS D'AMÉRIQUE  
et  
PÉROU**

**Échange de notes constituant un accord relatif à une aide  
aux victimes de la sécheresse au Pérou. Washington,  
16 and 19 juillet 1957**

*Texte officiel anglais.*

*Enregistré par les États-Unis d'Amérique le 19 mars 1958.*

No. 4223. EXCHANGE OF NOTES CONSTITUTING AN AGREEMENT<sup>1</sup> BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND PERU RELATING TO DROUGHT RELIEF ASSISTANCE TO PERU. WASHINGTON, 16 AND 19 JULY 1957

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*The Secretary of State to the Peruvian Ambassador*

DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
WASHINGTON

July 16, 1957

Excellency :

I have the honor to refer to the Ambassador's note No. 5-3-M/125 of May 16, 1957 presenting the request of the Government of Peru for an additional 50,000 metric tons of food grains under the Agricultural Trade Development and Assistance Act of 1954, as amended (Public Law 480). It is understood that these grains are required in order to aid in carrying out the relief programs undertaken by the Peruvian Government to alleviate the food situation existing in the drought-affected region of southern Peru.

The Government of the United States of America, after giving serious consideration to the request of the Government of Peru, reached the decision on June 28, 1957 to make available immediately on a grant basis, under the provisions of Title II of Public Law 480 of the 83rd Congress, as amended, the amount of 50,000 metric tons of food grains and to pay the ocean freight costs involved.

The decision was made in recognition of the continuing gravity of the drought situation in southern Peru, now extending into its third year and threatening to aggravate the privations which the people of that area are suffering, and as a further expression of the friendship of the people of the United States toward the people of Peru.

In connection with this decision, the Government of the United States wishes to set forth and confirm the following understandings which are to govern the furnishing of this assistance :

- I. Shipments shall be made pursuant to standard Transfer Authorizations which customarily govern the movement of such foodstuffs from the United States and which are required to be countersigned by a representative of

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<sup>1</sup> Came into force on 19 July 1957 by the exchange of the said notes.

the Government of Peru. These authorizations state the commodity, commodity specifications, and shipping arrangements as well as the responsibility of the Government of Peru for port charges and inland transportation, conditions of distribution, information, and observation.

2. It is further understood that the commodities in question to be sold or to be distributed free in Peru shall be sold or distributed free in the drought area only and that any proceeds in soles derived from the sale of these commodities shall be utilized exclusively in and for the benefit of the drought area.

If the terms as set forth above are in accordance with the Ambassador's understanding, the Government of the United States of America will consider this note and the Ambassador's reply concurring therein as constituting an Agreement between the two Governments, the Agreement to enter into force on the date of the Ambassador's reply.

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

For the Secretary of State :

R. R. RUBOTTOM Jr.

His Excellency Señor Don Fernando Berckemeyer  
Ambassador of Peru

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### *The Peruvian Ambassador to the Secretary of State*

PERUVIAN EMBASSY  
WASHINGTON 6, D. C.

Nº 5-3-M/171

July 19, 1957

Excellency :

I have the honor to acknowledge and thank Your Excellency for your kind note dated July 16, 1957, setting forth the understandings of the United States Government governing the grant of an additional 50,000 metric tons of food grains under the Agricultural Trade Development and Assistance Act of 1954, as amended (Public Law 480).

The Government of Peru is in full concurrence with the terms as set forth in Your Excellency's note, and I wish to state that the Peruvian Government will also consider that this note and His Excellency's above-mentioned note dated July 16, 1957, do constitute an Agreement between the Governments of the United States and Peru, to enter into force on the date of this note.

I wish to take this opportunity of reiterating the deep appreciation of both the Government and the people of Peru to the Government and people of the United States for their continued assistance in alleviating the serious drought situation in southern Peru.

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

F. BERCKEMEYER

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