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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
and
UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN
AND NORTHERN IRELAND

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ROYAUME-UNI DE GRANDE-BRETAGNE
ET D'IRLANDE DU NORD

Échange de notes constituant un accord relatif à la création d'une station de radiosondage/radiovent à la Jamaïque et d'une autre station dans l'île de Grand-Caïman. Washington, 30 décembre 1958

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No. 4841. EXCHANGE OF NOTES CONSTITUTING AN AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND RELATING TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A "RAWINSONDE" STATION ON JAMAICA AND ANOTHER STATION ON GRAND CAYMAN ISLAND. WASHINGTON, 30 DECEMBER 1958

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The Acting Secretary of State to the British Ambassador

DEPARTMENT OF STATE
WASHINGTON

December 30, 1958

Excellency :

I have the honor to inform you that preparations are under way in the United States Weather Bureau for extensive investigation of Caribbean hurricanes during the next few years. The object of this investigation is to achieve greater accuracy and timeliness in forecasts of hurricanes and in warnings of accompanying destructive winds, tides and floods. To obtain essential meteorological information for this purpose, it is necessary to establish an augmented network of stations in the Caribbean for taking soundings of upper air temperature, pressure, humidity and winds. The Government of the United States of America therefore proposes that, as part of this augmented network, an upper air sounding station, technically known as a "rawinsonde" station, should be established, maintained and operated for the above-mentioned purpose on Jamaica and another on Grand Cayman Island, and that this project should be carried out in cooperation with the British authorities concerned in accordance with the following principles :

(1) *Cooperating Agencies*

The agencies which shall be responsible for the detailed execution of the project (hereinafter referred to as the Cooperating Agencies) shall be, 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, for the Government of the United Kingdom, the British Caribbean Meteorological Service located at Port-of-Spain, Trinidad (hereinafter referred to as the British Caribbean Cooperating Agency).

¹ Came into force on 30 December 1958 by the exchange of the said notes.

(2) *General Provisions*

(a) The rawinsonde stations shall be established, maintained and operated at such exact locations on Jamaica and on Grand Cayman Island, and in such manner, as shall be agreed upon by the Cooperating Agencies;

(b) Rawinsonde observation reports shall be taken and transmitted by, and exchanged between, the Cooperating Agencies in such manner as shall be agreed upon by them.

(3) *Expenditure*

All expenditure incurred by the United States Cooperating Agency shall be paid directly by the Government of the United States of America and all expenditure incident to the obligations assumed by the British Caribbean Cooperating Agency shall be paid directly by the Government of Trinidad and Tobago acting on behalf of the Governments of the British Caribbean territories.

(4) *Customs Duties and other Taxes on Goods*

(a) All equipment, including automobiles, and supplies imported into Jamaica and into Grand Cayman Island by the United States Cooperating Agency for use in the cooperative project shall be admitted duty free;

(b) No import duties or other tax shall be charged on the personal belongings or household effects of the civilian employees of the United States being United States citizens employed in connection with either or both of the stations and present in the territories by reason only of such employment, provided that such belongings or effects accompany the owner or are imported either

(i) within a period beginning 60 days before and ending 120 days after the owner's arrival, or

(ii) within a period of six months immediately following his arrival.

(5) *Taxation*

(a) No national of the United States serving or employed on Jamaica or on Grand Cayman Island in connection with the establishment, maintenance or operation of the stations and residing on Jamaica or on Grand Cayman Island by reason only of such employment, or his wife or minor children, shall be liable to pay income tax in Jamaica or Grand Cayman Island except in respect of income derived from Jamaica or Grand Cayman Island;

(b) No such person shall be liable to pay in Jamaica or Grand Cayman Island any poll tax or similar tax on his person, or any tax on ownership or use of property situated outside Jamaica or Grand Cayman Island;

(c) No person ordinarily resident in the United States shall be liable to pay income tax in Jamaica or Grand Cayman Island in respect of any profits derived under a contract made in the United States with the Government of the United States of America in connection with the establishment, maintenance or operation of the stations or any tax in the nature of a license in respect of any service or work for the Government of the United States of America in connection with the establishment, maintenance or operation of the stations.

(6) *Memorandum of Arrangement*

The technical details of the project shall be arranged by the Cooperating Agencies and a Memorandum of Arrangement shall be agreed between them.

(7) *Availability of Funds*

Participation on the part of either Government in the proposed project shall be subject to the availability of funds appropriated by the legislative bodies of the Government of the United States of America and of the Governments of the British Caribbean territories.

If the foregoing proposal is acceptable to the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, I have the honor to suggest that the present note and Your Excellency's reply in concurrence should be regarded as constituting an agreement between the two Governments which shall enter into force on the date of your reply note and shall remain in force until the 30th of June, 1959; thereafter it may be prolonged for additional periods by notes to be exchanged for that purpose. It is understood that either Government may terminate the Agreement by giving 60 days' written notice to the other.

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

For the Acting Secretary of State :

Frederick JANDREY

His Excellency Sir Harold Caccia, K.C.M.G., K.C.V.O.
British Ambassador

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The British Ambassador to the Acting Secretary of State

BRITISH EMBASSY
WASHINGTON, D. C.

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December 30, 1958

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your Note of the 30th of December, 1958, which reads as follows :

[See note I]

2. In reply I have the honour to confirm that the provisions set forth in the said Note are acceptable to the Government of the United Kingdom and that they agree with your proposal that your Note and the present reply shall constitute an agreement between the two Governments in this matter which shall enter into force on the date of this Note.

I avail myself of this opportunity to renew to you the assurance of my highest consideration.

Harold CACCIA

The Honourable Christian A. Herter
Acting Secretary of State of the United States
Washington, D. C.
