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and
ECUADOR**

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The Government of the United States of America and the Government of Ecuador, desiring to continue the cooperative program already existing for the observation and tracking and reception of radio signals of earth satellites and space vehicles, agree as follows :

Article I

COOPERATING AGENCIES

The cooperating agencies shall be :

(1) for the Government of the United States of America, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, hereinafter referred to as the United States Cooperating Agency, and (2) for the Government of Ecuador, the agency, entity or department that replaces the National Committee for the International Geophysical Year, which terminated its activities in December 1958 ; hereinafter referred to as the Ecuadorean Cooperating Agency.

Article II

GENERAL PURPOSES

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

a. To provide for continuing the operation and maintenance of the satellite tracking station at Páramo de Cotopaxi, otherwise known as the Quito Tracking Station Facility, for the observation and tracking and reception by radio of information transmitted to earth from satellite and space vehicles.

b. To provide for the installation of improved equipment from time to time at Páramo de Cotopaxi.

¹ Came into force on 24 February 1960, the date of signature, in accordance with article IX.

c. To provide for the transmission of scientific data from the site at Páramo de Cotopaxi to the United States Cooperating Agency for analysis and evaluation.

Article III

EXPENDITURES

All expenditures incident to the obligations assumed 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 Ecuadorean Cooperating Agency shall be paid directly by the Government of Ecuador

Article IV

TRAINING

The United States Cooperating Agency shall train a limited number of qualified personnel, selected by the Government of Ecuador, in the operation of the station, and shall make no charge to the Ecuadorean Government for such training. The number of Ecuadorean personnel to be trained during any given period of time will be established by mutual agreement between the Cooperating Agencies.

Article V

MOTOR VEHICLE TAX

The Government of Ecuador will require no tax of fee for registration or licensing for use in Ecuador of official motor vehicles belonging to the Government of the United States of America. Vehicles belonging to the contractors, other than Ecuadorean contractors, who are involved in the operation and maintenance of the station, will be exempt from all registration taxes or fees.

Article VI

CUSTOMS DUTIES AND SIMILAR TAXES

(1) The Government of Ecuador will exempt from the payment of all customs duties, consular fees, import permit stamps, and other similar taxes which might be required for the importation into Ecuador of : (a) material, equipment, supplies or goods for use in the operation and maintenance of the tracking station consigned to or destined for the United States Cooperating Agency or its contractors involved in the operation and maintenance of the station ; (b) the personal belongings, including automobiles, supplies for use or consumption, and household effects, for the personal use of employees of the United States Cooperating Agency or its contractors involved

in the operation and maintenance of the station who are citizens of the United States. No automobile granted free importation under the authority of this Agreement may be sold in Ecuador until two years from the date of its importation, unless taxes and duties are paid in accordance with Ecuadorean laws and regulations. Compliance with this requirement shall be guaranteed by the United States Cooperating Agency.

(2) No tax shall be charged by the Government of Ecuador on the export of the material, equipment, supplies or goods referred to in this paragraph, in the event of reshipment from Ecuador.

(3) Administrative measures shall be taken by the United States Cooperating Agency to prevent the resale of goods, etc., which are imported under this paragraph to anyone not entitled to free importation, and to prevent the abuse of the customs' exemptions granted under this Agreement. The authorities of the Government of the United States of America and the authorities of the Government of Ecuador shall cooperate to this end.

Article VII

TAXATION

(1) The employees of the United States Cooperating Agency and its contractors who are citizens of the United States and serving in Ecuador in connection with the maintenance or operation of the tracking station shall be exempt from the payment of income tax in Ecuador.

(2) No person or contractor to the United States Cooperating Agency shall be liable to pay any readily identifiable tax imposed by the Government of Ecuador or any subdivision thereof the incidence of which falls directly upon the Government of the United States of America in connection with the operation or maintenance of the tracking station.

Article VIII

TITLE TO PROPERTY

Any property brought into or acquired in Ecuador by the Government of the United States of America in connection with the tracking station shall remain the property of the Government of the United States of America.

Article IX

ENTRY INTO FORCE AND TERM

This Agreement shall enter into force on the date of signature, and shall remain in effect for a period of five years from the date of its signing and may be continued

in force for additional periods by written Agreement between the two Governments. However, either Government may terminate this Agreement by giving to the other Government ninety days written notice. 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.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF His Excellency Christian M. Ravndal, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America, and His Excellency Carlos Tobar Zaldumbide, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Ecuador, duly authorized by their respective Governments, subscribe the present Agreement in its English and Spanish texts, both equally valid and authentic, in Quito, the twenty-fourth day of February of the year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Sixty.

Christian M. RAVNDAL
Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary
of the United States of America

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Carlos TOBAR ZALDUMBIDE
Minister of Foreign Affairs of Ecuador

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