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**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
and  
INDIA**

**Exchange of notes constituting an agreement concerning  
balloon flights to study equatorial air currents. New  
Delhi, 25 October, 2 and 30 November and 9 Decem-  
ber 1960 and 7 February 1961**

*Official text: English.*

*Registered by the United States of America on 24 April 1963.*

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**ÉTATS-UNIS D'AMÉRIQUE  
et  
INDE**

**Échange de notes constituant un accord relatif à l'envoi de  
ballons-sondes destinés à l'étude des courants aériens  
dans la zone équatoriale. New Delhi, 25 octobre, 2 et  
30 novembre et 9 décembre 1960 et 7 février 1961**

*Texte officiel anglais.*

*Enregistré par les États-Unis d'Amérique le 24 avril 1963.*

No. 6671. EXCHANGE OF NOTES CONSTITUTING AN AGREEMENT<sup>1</sup> BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND INDIA CONCERNING BALLOON FLIGHTS TO STUDY EQUATORIAL AIR CURRENTS. NEW DELHI, 25 OCTOBER, 2 AND 30 NOVEMBER AND 9 DECEMBER 1960 AND 7 FEBRUARY 1961

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*The American Embassy to the Ministry of External Affairs of India*

No. 265

The Embassy of the United States of America presents its compliments to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and has the honor to refer to recent discussions between the scientific authorities of the United States and Indian Governments concerning a series of jointly-conducted flights of high altitude research balloons over southern India to be undertaken during the period December, 1960 to April, 1961, to study equatorial air currents.

The Embassy has the further honor to inform the Ministry that the United States Government now proposes that the program of equatorial balloon flights be undertaken and be conducted on the basis of the following understandings :

(1) That the program of equatorial balloon flights be jointly conducted by the cooperating agencies or their contractors as the two governments may designate in accordance with arrangements mutually agreed upon by the cooperating agencies.

(2) That the Government of India will provide without charge balloon launching and hangar facilities for this project at Begumpet airport, Hyderabad.

(3) That all research balloon flights will be conducted in accordance with applicable air traffic control regulations of the Government of India.

(4) That all scientific information collected during the research activities will be shared between the two Governments.

(5) That the Government of India will take steps to facilitate the admission into India of U.S. personnel participating in the research program, as well as the entry into, and removal from, the territory of India, without payment of taxes, customs duties, or other charges, of all items of property provided by the United States or its contractor for use in connection with the research program. Such property will be subject to customs inspection except for a limited number of clearly marked boxes containing filter material,

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<sup>1</sup> Came into force on 7 February 1961 by the exchange of the said notes.

glass slides, or photographic film, which would be damaged by exposure if opened for customs inspection.

Upon receipt of a reply from the Ministry indicating that the foregoing proposal is acceptable to the Government of India, the Government of the United States will consider that this note and the Ministry's reply constitute an agreement between the two Governments which shall enter into force on the date of the Ministry's reply.

The Embassy takes this opportunity to renew to the Ministry the assurances of its highest consideration.

The Embassy of the United States of America  
New Delhi, October 25, 1960

## II

### *The Ministry of External Affairs of India to the American Embassy*

MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
NEW DELHI

November 2, 1960

No. F.52(8)-AMS/60.

The Ministry of External Affairs present their compliments to the Embassy of the United States of America in New Delhi and with reference to paragraph 5 of the Embassy's Note No. 265, dated the 25th October, 1960 regarding the grant of customs facilities for the equipment to be imported for Indo-U.S. high altitude Balloon Flight Project, have the honour to say that necessary instructions have been issued to the Collector of Customs, Bombay for granting all facilities for expeditious clearance of the equipment.

The Ministry of External Affairs take this opportunity to renew to the Embassy of the United States of America the assurances of their highest consideration.

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The Embassy of the United States of America  
New Delhi

## III

*The Ministry of External Affairs of India to the American Embassy*

MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
NEW DELHI

November 30, 1960

No. F.52(8)-AMS/60

The Ministry of External Affairs present their compliments to the Embassy of the United States of America in New Delhi and in continuation of this Ministry Note No. F.52(8)-AMS/60, dated the 2nd November 1960 regarding the collaboration with the United States of America in High Altitude Balloon Flights have the honour to say that the understandings stated in paragraphs 1, 3 and 4 of the Embassy's Note No. 265, dated the 25th October, 1960 are acceptable to this Ministry.

2. As regards paragraph 2 of the Embassy's Note referred to above, the Ministry of Defense have been requested for permission to use the Indian Air Force Recreation Hall at Begumpet for use as storage space for the project and their reply is awaited. This paragraph will, therefore, require a minor amendment by substituting the word "storage" for the word "hangar". The Embassy are, therefore, requested to agree to the minor amendment suggested above.

3. The Ministry of External Affairs take this opportunity to renew to the Embassy of the United States of America the assurances of their highest consideration.

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The Embassy of the United States of America  
New Delhi

## IV

*The American Embassy to the Ministry of External Affairs of India*

No. 369

The Embassy of the United States of America presents its compliments to the Ministry of External Affairs of the Government of India and, with reference to the Ministry's Note No. F. 52(8)-AMS/60 of November 30, 1960, has the honor to state that the proposal of the Ministry that the term "storage facilities" be substituted for "hangar facilities" contained in paragraph 2 of the Embassy's Note No. 265 of October 25, 1960 is agreeable.

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The Embassy has noted that the Ministry's note referred to above does not mention the understandings set forth in paragraph 5 of the Embassy's Note of October 25, 1960. The understandings contained in paragraph 5 are partially dealt with in the Ministry's Note No. F. 52(8)-AMs/60 of November 2, 1960. The Embassy assumes that the remaining points set out in paragraph 5 of its Note of October 25, 1960, namely, the admission into India of United States personnel participating in the program and the removal from India of all items of property provided by the United States or its contractors in connection with the program, are likewise acceptable to the Government of India. It would, however, appreciate having the Ministry's assurance that this is the case.

The Embassy takes this opportunity to renew to the Ministry the assurance of its highest consideration.

The Embassy of the United States of America  
New Delhi, December 9, 1960

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*The Ministry of External Affairs of India to the American Embassy*

MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
NEW DELHI

Dated, the 7th February, 1961

No. F.52(8)AMS60

The Ministry of External Affairs present their compliments to the Embassy of the United States of America and with reference to paragraph 2 of the Embassy's note No. 369, dated the 9th December, 1960 regarding the collaboration with the United States of America in High Altitude Balloon Flights have the honour to say the Government of India have no objection to the American personnel entering India for the purpose of the expedition and they have also agreed to afford necessary facilities and to exempt the goods from customs duty on import and re-export, subject to production of usual certificates. They have also permitted the use of the Recreational Hall at Begumpet Aerodrome as storage space for the project.

2. The Ministry of External Affairs take this opportunity to renew to the Embassy of the United States of America the assurances of their highest consideration.

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The Embassy of the United States of America  
New Delhi