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I

The American Embassy to the Ministry of External Affairs of India

No. 193

The Embassy of the United States of America presents its compliments to the Ministry of External Affairs, and has the honor to refer to the International Indian Ocean Expedition, hereinafter referred to as the Expedition, to the decision of the Government of India to establish an International Meteorological Centre at Bombay (as a Division of the Institute of Tropical Meteorology) to serve the Expedition and to the decision of the Government of the United States of America to participate in the Expedition.

The purpose of the Meteorological portion of the Expedition is to collect extensive meteorological data including those of a type hitherto unavailable over the Indian Ocean area and adjoining lands. With the help of those data, a study will be made of the large-scale atmospheric circulation, weather, and the inter-action between ocean and atmosphere over this region. Results are expected to include better understanding of atmospheric processes leading to improved weather forecasting methods and techniques.

In view of the mutual benefit which it is anticipated would result, the Government of the United States of America wishes to participate with the Government of India in a meteorological program in accordance with the following principles :

1. *Cooperating Agencies.* The cooperating agencies shall be (1) for the Government of the United States of America, the National Science Foundation, hereinafter referred to as the United States Cooperating Agency and (2) for the Government of India, the Indian Meteorological Department, hereinafter referred to as the Indian Cooperating Agency.

2. *General Purposes.* The general purpose of the present agreement shall be to provide some of the means for the effective operation of the International Meteorological Centre, Bombay which has the following functions :

¹ Came into force on 9 October 1962, with retroactive effect as from 1 October 1962, in accordance with the terms of the said notes.

- (a) Receiving and where necessary retransmitting by radio and mail, all available synoptic weather reports from the Indian Ocean region for the duration of the main period of Expedition activity (1963 and 1964).
- (b) Providing special weather and sea forecasts for all Expedition ships.
- (c) Serving as a base for the Expedition's meteorological research.
- (d) Providing special training for expedition meteorological observers and technicians and maintaining strict quality control over the observations during the Expedition period.
- (e) Training students in modern operational and research techniques in meteorology.
- (f) Maintaining effective liaison with representatives of other disciplines in the Expedition and with various meteorological agencies.

3. *Title to Property.* For the duration of the project, title to all equipment purchased with funds supplied by the United States Cooperating Agency shall remain vested in that Agency, and title to all equipment supplied by the Indian Cooperating Agency shall remain vested in that Agency.

4. *Expenditures.* All expenditures incurred 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 Indian Cooperating Agency shall be paid by the Government of India.

5. *Exemption from Duties and Taxes.* All equipment and supplies imported into India by the United States Cooperating Agency for use in the Expedition, either within India or in other places, shall be admitted and may be re-exported free of customs, import or export duties unless any part of this equipment is transferred to the Indian Cooperating Agency for the continuance of its scientific activities. The director of the United States meteorology program for the Expedition and other employees of the Government of the United States, whose services may be provided by the United States Cooperating Agency for the purpose of the present agreement, shall be exempt from all Indian income taxes and social security taxes. Each of such employees shall also be exempt from the payment of customs and import duties on household goods and personal effects, equipment and supplies imported into India for his own use or that of members of his immediate family.

6. *Term.* The agreement shall remain in effect through March 31, 1965 and may be continued in force for additional periods by written agreement to that effect by the two Governments, but either Government may terminate the present agreement by giving to the Government notice in writing sixty days in advance. 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.

If the above proposal meets with the approval of the Government of India, the Embassy would appreciate receiving a reply to that effect in order

that the technical details may be arranged by officials of the two Cooperating Agencies, and a Memorandum of Arrangement embodying those technical details be signed. This Embassy suggests that this note and the reply thereto accepting the aforementioned principles be considered as constituting an agreement between the two Governments concerning this matter, such agreement to come into effect on October 1, 1962. It is understood that the Memorandum of Arrangement may be amended at any time by concurrence of the two Cooperating Agencies.

The Embassy avails itself of this opportunity to renew the assurances of its highest considerations.

B. E. L. T.
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Embassy of the United States of America
New Delhi, September 28, 1962

II

The Ministry of External Affairs of India to the American Embassy

MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
NEW DELHI-II

No.F.UI/351-62/62

Dated the 5th October 1962

The Ministry of External Affairs presents its compliments to the Embassy of United States of America and with reference to latter's note No. 193 dated 28 September, 1962 has the honour to say that the Government of India agree to collaborate with the United States Government in research at the International Meteorological Centre at Colaba Observatory, Bombay, in connection with the International Indian Ocean Expedition on the terms and conditions specified in the note referred to above except that the following will be added at the end of para. 5 of the note :

“ at the time of the first installation of his family; provided that duty shall be payable in respect of such articles if they are disposed of in India

without the permission of the Government of India at the termination of the assignment of the person concerned with the Expedition ”.

The Ministry avails itself of this opportunity to renew the assurances of its highest considerations.

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The Embassy of the United States of America
New Delhi

III

The American Embassy to the Ministry of External Affairs of India

No. 220

The Embassy of the United States of America presents its compliments to the Ministry of External Affairs and with reference to the latter's note F.UI/351-62/62, dated October 5, 1962, has the honor to state that the Embassy agrees to the inclusion of the words :

“ at the time of the first installation of his family; provided that duty shall be payable in respect of such articles if they are disposed of in India without the permission of the Government of India at the termination of the assignment of the person concerned with the Expedition, ” at the end of paragraph five of the Embassy's note No. 193, September 28, 1962.

The Embassy avails itself of this opportunity to renew the assurances of its highest consideration.

B. E. L. T.
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Embassy of the United States of America
New Delhi, October 9, 1962