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**PHILIPPINES**  
and  
**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

**Exchange of notes constituting an agreement concerning the exchange of certain portions of the United States Naval Reservation at Subic Bay with certain portions of the Bataan National Park (with attached map). Manila, 21 September and 16 October 1967**

*Official text: English.*

*Registered by the Philippines on 7 March 1968.*

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

**Échange de notes constituant un accord relatif à l'échange de certaines parties de la Base navale des États-Unis à Subic Bay contre certaines parties du Parc national de Bataan (avec carte jointe). Manille, 21 septembre et 16 octobre 1967**

*Texte officiel anglais.*

*Enregistré par les Philippines le 7 mars 1968.*

No. 9013. EXCHANGE OF NOTES CONSTITUTING AN AGREEMENT<sup>1</sup> BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA CONCERNING THE EXCHANGE OF CERTAIN PORTIONS OF THE UNITED STATES NAVAL RESERVATION AT SUBIC BAY WITH CERTAIN PORTIONS OF THE BATAAN NATIONAL PARK. MANILA, 21 SEPTEMBER AND 16 OCTOBER 1967

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*The American Ambassador to the Philippine Secretary for Foreign Affairs*

No. 252

Manila, September 21, 1967

Excellency:

I have the honor to refer to recent discussions between the Department of Foreign Affairs and the Embassy about an exchange of land at the United States Naval Reservation at Subic Bay. The subject has also been discussed with authorities of Olongapo City and the Mutual Defense Board. The purpose of the exchange is to alleviate problems of security and to protect the watershed and the timber resources on the Reservation and the adjacent portion of the Bataan National Park and at the same time to straighten the perimeter of the Reservation.

I now have the honor to propose that the United States Government relinquish to the Philippine Government its right to use those parcels of land designated as areas X, Y, and B on the attached map<sup>2</sup> and containing a total of approximately 630 hectares. I have the further honor to propose that the Government of the Philippines make available to the Government of the United States as an integral part of Subic Bay Naval Reservation that parcel of land, designated as area Z on the attached map and containing approximately 615 hectares. A more detailed description of the four parcels of land is also enclosed. In further consideration for this exchange, the Philippine Government, in order to protect the security and watershed on the Reservation and the watershed for the Boton and Binutican Rivers and the timber resources on the adjacent portion of Bataan National Park, undertakes to (a) prohibit the settlement or occupancy for any purpose including logging or farming, of any portion of the parcel of land designated as area A on the attached map, and (b) effect the removal of all unauthorised occupants within the new Reservation boundaries established by this exchange.

<sup>1</sup> Came into force on 16 October 1967 by the exchange of the said notes.

<sup>2</sup> See insert between pp. 119 and 121 of this volume.

Finally, I have the honor to propose that the Philippine-United States Mutual Defense Board be asked to fix the precise new boundaries of the reservation established by the exchange.

If the foregoing is acceptable to your Government, I propose that this Note and Your Excellency's reply indicating acceptance shall constitute an agreement between our two Governments which will enter into force on the date of Your Excellency's reply.

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

William McC. BLAIR, Jr.

His Excellency Narciso Ramos  
Secretary of Foreign Affairs  
Republic of the Philippines

#### DESCRIPTION OF AREAS A, B, X, Y AND Z

1. *Reference Map:* Boundary Survey Map of Subic Naval Base by F. C. Cruz & Co., 20 November 1962 (Bureau of Lands, Plan SWO-40367).

2. *General.* Five areas designated A, B, X, Y and Z are shown. These areas are approximately defined in the following paragraphs.

3. *Area A.* That area of approximately 393 hectares bounded by lines connecting corner points 1 and 6 and the peak of Mt. Santa Rosa.

*Corner Point 1* is located at coordinates Northings 13,873.23 and Eastings 28,693.50 and defined by a cylindrical concrete monument 15 × 75 CM marked U.S.M.R.

*Corner Point 6* is located at coordinates Northings 11,166.13 and Eastings 27,048.40 and defined by a cylindrical monument 15 × 75 CM marked U.S.M.R.

*Peak of Mount Santa Rosa* is located at approximately 14°-45'-07"N latitude and 120°-22'-28"E longitude.

4. *Area B.* That area of approximately 22 hectares bounded by the U.S. Naval reservation Boundary from Corner Point 469 to Corner Point 488 and a line 1 meter to the west and north of the Kalayaan Perimeter fence.

*Corner Point 469* is located at coordinates Northings 21,231.83 and Eastings 20,701.39 and defined by a cylindrical monument 15 × 75 CM marked U.S.M.R.

*Corner Point 488* is located at coordinates Northings 22,671.55 and Eastings 21,556.67 and defined by a cylindrical monument 15 × 75 CM marked U.S.M.R.

5. *Area X.* That area of approximately 427 hectares bounded by the following lines:

*U.S. Naval Reservation Boundary* along Highway 7 (Zigzag).

A line 10 meters north of the centerline of the road designated "Access Road".

A line 3 meters to the outside (east) of Argonaut Highway Fence between the Access Road and the intersection of Argonaut Highway and Highway 7.

The eastern perimeter of the U.S. Naval Reservation from Highway 7 to the Santa Rita Bailey Bridge except for a strip of land extending 10 meters on both sides of the centerline of Mount Santa Rita Access Road.

6. *Area Y.* That area of approximately 181 hectares bounded on the south by the U.S. Naval Reservation Boundary between Corner Point 9 and Corner Point 6 and on the north by a line connecting Corner Points 6 and 9.

*Corner Point 9* is located at coordinates Northings 10,708.08 and Eastings 23,289.71 and defined by a cylindrical monument 15 × 75 CM marked U.S.M.R.

7. *Area Z.* That area of approximately 614 hectares bounded by the U.S. Naval Reservation boundary on the north and west between Corner Points 1 and 6 and on the east by a line connecting Corner Points 1 and 6. Description and location of Corner Points 1 and 6 are the same as noted in paragraph 3 above.

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### *The Philippine Secretary for Foreign Affairs to the American Ambassador*

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES  
DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

Manila, October 16, 1967

No. 28434

Excellency:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Your Excellency's Note No. 252 dated September 21, 1967, which reads as follows:

[*See note I*]

I am pleased to inform Your Excellency that the proposals contained in the afore-quoted Note are acceptable to my Government, and that Your Excellency's Note and this reply constitute an Agreement between our two Governments on the subject effective as of the date of this Note.

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

Narciso RAMOS

His Excellency William McCormick BLAIR, Jr.  
Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary  
of the United States of America  
Manila