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AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE FRENCH REPUBLIC CONCERNING THE SYSTEM OF COMMUNICATIONS AND DEPOTS OF THE UNITED STATES ARMY IN METROPOLITAN FRANCE

The Government of the United States of America, and

The Government of the French Republic,

Considering their respective obligations within the framework of the North Atlantic Treaty;²

Recalling that, pursuant to an Agreement of November 6, 1950,³ certain facilities had been granted to the Government of the United States for the establishment of a line of communication across France for the needs of the United States forces in Germany;

Considering that this line of communication has by degrees been modified so as to change it into a system of communications and depots established on the territory of Metropolitan France and that its legal status should be defined;

Have, to this end, agreed on the following provisions:

Article I

a) The Government of the United States may continue to utilize and operate, for the duration of the present Agreement and in accordance with the provisions of the present Agreement as well as the provisions of technical agreements entered into or to be entered into between the competent authorities of the two Governments, the facilities provided heretofore in France between certain agreed points of the Atlantic coast of France and the French-German frontier for the logistic support of United States forces in Europe.

b) The Government of the United States may in addition request of the Government of the French Republic the establishment and operation of other installations. These requests for supplementary installations will, except for unusual cases, be the subject of a consolidated program drawn up semi-annually and submitted for the approval of the Government of the French Republic at least three months before the expiration of the six month period.

¹ Came into force on 8 December 1958 by signature.

² United Nations, *Treaty Series*, Vol. 34, p. 243.

³ Not printed.

c) On their side, the French authorities reserve the right to present, for certain United States installations previously agreed, proposals for review, modification, or transfer, such as may appear desirable from the French point of view.

d) The Government of the United States may maintain in France forces of the United States Army. The maximum level and general location of such forces will be fixed from time to time by classified exchanges of letters between the two Governments. The United States military authorities will furnish a quarterly report of force levels to the Central Liaison Mission for Assistance to the Allied Armies.

e) The provisions of the Agreement signed in London on June 19, 1951,¹ between the Parties to the North Atlantic Treaty concerning the Status of their Forces govern the status of the United States Army forces stationed in France.

Article II

a) The Government of the French Republic will make available to the United States Army, without any charge to the Government of the United States, all land areas available from the domain of the State (including their already existing improvements in the state in which they are found) necessary to the installations which have been agreed and which the Government of the French Republic assigns for this purpose, with the rights of way, easements, and appurtenances relating thereto.

b) The Government of the United States will assume responsibility for the costs of construction and maintenance and for such incidental costs as have been and as may be agreed from time to time between the two Governments.

Article III

a) The flags of the United States and of France will fly over the principal installations of the United States Army in France.

b) The French territorial command will continue in the general area where installations are placed at the disposition of United States forces. However, the operational command of such installations will be exercised by competent United States authorities.

Article IV

a) All removable facilities erected by or on behalf of the United States Army at the sole expense of the Government of the United States and all

¹ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, Vol. 199, p. 67.

equipment and material imported into France or purchased in France by or on behalf of the Government of the United States for the construction, the development, the operation, or the maintenance of the installations and facilities covered by the present Agreement, as well as all supplies obtained under the same conditions, will remain the property of the Government of the United States, which can, at any time before the termination of the present Agreement or within a reasonable time after the date of termination, remove them from France without restriction, after previous notification to the Government of the French Republic, or dispose of them in France under the conditions fixed by the Agreement of January 30, 1954.¹

b) The two Governments will negotiate the method by which the residual value, if any, of the facilities developed or constructed under the present Agreement and not removed or disposed of in accordance with paragraph a) above, will be treated when all or part of these facilities are not needed by the United States Army.

Article V

a) The United States Army is authorized to install, operate, and maintain the communications facilities necessary for military traffic, the nature of these facilities and the conditions for their installation and use being provided for in technical agreements concluded or to be concluded between the competent authorities of the two Governments.

b) The United States Army is authorized to use air, ground, maritime, and inland waterway means of communication within the framework of agreements concluded or to be concluded between the two Governments.

c) The United States Army is authorized to use light aircraft and helicopters for command liaison between its installations and for medical evacuation.

The conditions for the use of these aircraft and helicopters are fixed by agreement with the competent French authorities, which will determine, in particular, the authorized landing fields and airstrips.

Article VI

a) The requirements of United States Army forces stationed in France for goods, construction, supplies, and procurement of services from French sources will be satisfied through the intermediary of the French services designated by the Central Liaison Mission for Assistance to the Allied Armies.

¹ Not printed.

b) French laws and regulations will govern all transactions between the French services thus designated and the suppliers, constructors, and furnishers of services.

c) The Central Liaison Mission for Assistance to the Allied Armies will make disbursement as promptly as possible for the expenditures resulting from satisfaction of the requirements referred to in paragraph *a*) above, including expenditures required by the French administrative determinations or judicial proceedings pertaining to satisfaction of these requirements. In disputes or litigation pertaining to such expenditures, the French Administration will seek and give consideration to the views of the Government of the United States thereon. The Government of the United States will reimburse the French Treasury for such expenditures, which result from application of technical agreements concluded or to be concluded between competent authorities of the two Governments.

d) The principles set forth above will be subject to and applied in accordance with arrangements concluded or to be concluded between the two Governments.

Article VII

The present Agreement replaces the Agreement between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the French Republic regarding the establishment and operation of a line of communication across France dated November 6, 1950, and its annexes. Unless it should be mutually decided otherwise, all agreements and arrangements supplementing or implementing that Agreement which are presently applicable will remain in effect, except for those mutually determined to be contrary to the present Agreement. All references to the Agreement of November 6, 1950, in other agreements concluded between the Governments of the United States and of the French Republic, or between the competent authorities of the two countries, will be considered as applying to the present Agreement.

Article VIII

The provisions of this Agreement are equally applicable to the Armed Forces of the United States other than the United States Army engaged in operations covered by this Agreement or to the Armed Forces of the United States not otherwise covered by a special agreement between the two Governments.

Article IX

a) The present Agreement will remain in force as long as the North Atlantic Treaty.

b) After the present Agreement shall have been in effect for three years, or at any subsequent date, the Parties will consult at the request of one of them with a view to revising the Agreement to adapt it to new circumstances which might present themselves.

c) If the Parties cannot come to agreement on effecting modification judged necessary by one of them within a period of one year after the request for revision, the interested Party will be able to denounce the Agreement after one year's notice.

DONE in duplicate, in English and in French, the two texts being equally valid, at Paris 8th December 1958.

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