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AGREEMENT ¹ BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE REPUBLIC OF FRANCE REGARDING CERTAIN AIR BASES AND FACILITIES IN METROPOLITAN FRANCE PLACED AT THE DISPOSITION OF THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

The Government of the United States of America and

The Government of the Republic of France

Having regard to their respective obligations under the North Atlantic Treaty, ² in furtherance of which the Government of the Republic of France will receive and the Government of the United States of America will place at the disposition of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization tactical air elements of the United States Air Force for stationing in Metropolitan France ;

Having regard to invitations extended to the Governments of the United States of America and the Republic of France by the North Atlantic Treaty Organization to enter into bilateral arrangements to assure the satisfaction of requirements for North Atlantic Treaty Organization tactical air forces to be stationed on airbases in Metropolitan France ;

Having regard to the exchange of notes between the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the United States Embassy dated October 31, 1951, ³ concerning four airbases temporarily made available to the United States Air Force ;

Have agreed as follows :

Article I

The Government of the French Republic will place mutually agreed areas and facilities at the disposition of those elements of the United States Air Force which are to be stationed in France in accordance with and in furtherance of approved North Atlantic Treaty Organization plans.

It will facilitate in every way possible the accomplishment of the program contemplated in this agreement and the operation of such United States Air Force elements within the framework of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

¹ Came into force on 4 October 1952 by signature.

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

³ Not printed.

Article II

These elements will consist of tactical aviation units and command and support units of the United States Air Force as well as the United States Army and United States Navy units associated with the Air Force or sharing these facilities as may be agreed by the French Government. These latter elements will be subject to the provisions of the present Agreement and appropriate technical agreements. An approximate description of the personnel complements and the general characteristics of these units and their equipment, as well as the sites and installations which are necessary to accommodate them, are set forth in the attached annexes ; these annexes form an integral part of this Agreement and will not be modified without prior agreement between the two governments.

Article III

The command relationships will be subject to the provisions of agreements by the appropriate military authorities and to the general policies of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization. These agreements will provide for the continued exercise of French territorial command in the general area where installations are placed at the disposition of the United States Air Force. They will also make suitable provision for the exercise of operational command of such installations by the competent United States authorities. The flags of France and the United States may be flown over the principal installations covered by this Agreement.

Article IV

The status of members of the United States Forces stationed on the installations covered by this Agreement will be governed by the terms of the appropriate government agreements.

Article V

The conditions of utilization and operation of the airfields and the supporting installations by the United States Air Force, including the operation of telecommunications and meteorological services, the control of air traffic and the use of necessary public services, will be determined by technical agreement or arrangements between the competent authorities of the two countries.

Article VI

a) For the development of plans and specifications of the airfields and installations enumerated in the annexes, the United States Government will be associated with the French Government under procedures established

by North Atlantic Treaty Organization agreements, insofar as they are applicable, and by technical agreements between the competent authorities of the two countries.

The general layout fixing the limits of the site and related servitudes for each installation will be established by the French authorities in satisfaction of the expressed requirements of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, where applicable, and those of the United States Air Force.

b) The French governmental services will be charged with the execution of the construction under appropriate technical agreements.

c) This construction will be accomplished in accordance with operational standards and requirements prescribed by the United States Air Force, in conformity with plans and specifications as provided above. With respect to those airfields or installations which are part of a North Atlantic Treaty Organization infrastructure program in which the cost of the airfields or installations is shared, the construction will incorporate standards not less than those approved by the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

d) Where construction is to be accomplished to both United States Air Force and North Atlantic Treaty Organization operational standards, arrangements will be made, wherever possible, to assure the integration of both standards in the same plans and contracts.

Article VII

a) The French Government will make available to the United States Air Force without cost to the United States Government : (1) unimproved and necessary for the agreed installations ; (2) existing installations, subject to further agreement on the charges entailed in placing such installations at the disposition of the United States Air Force ; and (3) such other additional facilities as may be granted without charge to the United States Government.

b) The United States Government will bear all other expenses which are involved in stationing units of the United States Air Force on such areas and installations with the exception of the expenses allocated to the member countries of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization in conformity with agreements covering the sharing of infrastructure costs.

c) In the event that a cost sharing formula for a North Atlantic Treaty Organization infrastructure program becomes applicable to any part of the expenses incurred by the United States Government, that part insofar as

it is subject to cost sharing will be considered as an advance against the contributions required in the overall application of the cost sharing formula.

d) In the absence of any applicable agreement or agreements within the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, the cost of maintenance and operation of areas, installations and facilities used exclusively by the United States Air Force will be the financial responsibility of the United States Government, and the cost of maintenance and operation of mutually used areas, installations and facilities will be equitably apportioned between the using parties by agreement between them in proportion to their respective requirements and use.

Article VIII

The provisions of the Agreement of June 13, 1952,¹ between the United States and French Governments on the subject of taxes will be applicable to all United States expenditures made under this Agreement.

Article IX

a) All removable facilities erected or constructed by or on behalf of the United States Government at its sole expense and all equipment, materials and supplies brought into France or purchased in France by or on behalf of the United States Government in connection with the construction, development, operation or maintenance of agreed installations and facilities will remain the property of the United States Government and may be removed from France free of any restriction after due notice to the French governmental authorities or disposed of in France under conditions agreed with appropriate French authorities at any time before the termination of this Agreement or within a reasonable time thereafter.

No such removal or disposal will be undertaken which will prejudice the mission of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

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 sub paragraph *a*, above, will be treated when such facilities or any part thereof are not needed by the military forces of the United States. Such negotiations will be without prejudice to agreements within the North Atlantic Treaty Organization on the same subject, which agreements will govern to the extent they are applicable to facilities developed and constructed under the present Agreement.

¹ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, Vol. 181, p. 3 and Vol. 265, p. 356.

c) In the event that the use of any of the facilities covered by this Agreement and financed in whole or in part by the United States at its sole expense is transferred to North Atlantic Treaty Organization military forces other than those of the United States, the United States may make appropriate arrangements with the user nation for the disposition or preservation of its equity in such facilities.

d) The installations will remain the responsibility of the United States Air Force until they have been transferred to competent authorities under the terms of arrangements to be agreed upon.

Article X

The present Agreement will remain in effect during the period of validity of the North Atlantic Treaty, unless the two Governments decide beforehand to terminate it by mutual consent, such decision being particularly appropriate upon advice of the North Atlantic Council.

DONE in duplicate, in English and French, the two texts being equally valid.

At Paris, October 4, 1952.

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ANNEX 1

I. Pursuant to the provisions of Article II of the Agreement between the United States of America and the Republic of France regarding certain airbases and facilities in Metropolitan France placed at the disposition of the United States Air Force, to which this is the first Annex, it is presently agreed that the complement of United States Air Force and associated units to be stationed in Metropolitan France will consist of tactical air units, headquarters, and combat support units, with standard United States equipment, the numbers thereof and type conforming to the decisions and recommendations of the Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe, together with command, administrative and logistical support units and associated units to include: air support units, ground support units, command and administrative headquarters, hospitals, depots, rescue units, personnel processing and recreation centers, bombing and gunnery range support units, anti-aircraft units, aviation engineer and communications units.

The approximate personnel complements of these units are 62,000 military and 1,250 United States civilians.

The United States Air Force will provide the appropriate French governmental authorities on a monthly basis with a detailed listing of units and their personnel complements stationed on each installation. It will also provide advance program data on a quarterly basis to enable the appropriate French authorities to be fully informed of projected deployments.

The entry into France and deployment of all units will be cleared in advance in each instance with the competent authorities of the French Government.

Operations from the bases covered in this Agreement, except in the execution of North Atlantic Treaty Organization missions, will be undertaken only as may be agreed between the two Governments.

II. The present sites and installations to be made available to the United States Air Force by the French Government are as follows, it being understood that the United States Air Force will be given only partial usage of certain sites and installations, and that the precise areas and off-base supporting requirements will be determined by competent authorities of the two countries in accordance with the provisions of Article VI of the Agreement :

a) Tactical Airfields for the Stationing of Tactical Wings, two Division Headquarters, Combat Cargo Command Headquarters and Supporting Units :

- 1) Chalons
- 2) Chambley
- 3) Chaumont /Semoutiers
- 4) Chennevieres
- 5) Dreux /Louvillier
- 6) Etain /Rouvres
- 7) Evreux /Fauville
- 8) Laon /Couvron
- 9) Phalsbourg /Bourcheid
- 10) Toul /Rosieres
- 11) Vitry /Brienne area or alternate
- 12) Cherbourg area or alternate
- 13) Nantes area or alternate

b) Facilities on Rear Area Airfields, certain of which might be used in common with the French Air Force :

- 1) Bordeaux-Merignac or alternate —
Facilities designed to permit :
 - a) The intallation of the Air Materiel Force Headquarters.
 - b) The installation of a Military Air Transport Service Terminal.
 - c) The stationing of an air rescue flight.
 - d) The stationing of troop carrier units on rotation.

- 2) Cognac —
Facilities designed to permit the stationing of United States Air Force units on gunnery-bombing training.
- 3) An airfield in the area of the Southern France-Mediterranean Coast —
Facilities designed to permit :
 - a) The stationing of an air rescue flight.
 - b) The stationing of units on gunnery-bombing training.
 - c) The stationing of troop carrier units on rotation.
- 4) St. Nazaire-Montoire or alternate —
Facilities for the installation of an air depot.
- 5) An airfield in Western France (Poitiers area or alternate) —
Facilities designed to permit the installation of a combat technical training center.

c) Headquarters (other than those included in *a* and *b* above) :

Bordeaux-Merignac or alternate, together with the use of an administrative airfield.

Headquarters for a numbered United States Air Force in Eastern France in the Metz/Thionville area.

d) Hospitals :

One hospital in the region of Nice/Cannes.

One hospital in the region of Évreux.

One hospital in the region of Paris.

e) Ammunition Depots :

One depot in the Verdun St. Mihiel area or alternate.

One depot in the west of France.

f) Gunnery-Bombing Range Facilities to be used in common with the French Air Force :

One in the region of Bordeaux.

One in the area of the Southern France-Mediterranean Coast.

g) Installations for Air Rescue Boat Units :

One at Pointe-de-Grave.

One in the area of the Southern France-Mediterranean Coast.

h) Personnel Processing Center :

One in the area of Montmorillon or alternate.

i) Aircraft Control and Warning Installations :

Four radar sites to be determined, with associated sites and facilities for troops, for aircraft control and warning units.

Two sites to be determined for tactical control groups, one in the northeast of France and one in western France.

j) Additional Support Facilities Required in Connection with the Utilization of the Installations :

These will be determined by subsequent technical agreements and will include :

Forty-eight microwave relay stations at sites to be determined.

Navigational aids.

Wire and radio communications.

Land communications.

III. For each installation, any special conditions covering the acquisition of facilities and their occupancy will be determined by agreement between the competent authorities of the two countries and incorporated in separate subordinate agreements.

IV. For United States units not under interallied command, bilateral arrangements might be entered into with a view to their use for purposes of the common defense.
