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EXCHANGE OF NOTES CONSTITUTING AN AGREEMENT¹
BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND
JAPAN RELATING TO A GEODETIC SATELLITE OBSER-
VATION STATION

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The American Embassy to the Japanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Note No. 201

The Embassy of the United States of America presents its compliments to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and with reference to informal discussions during recent months has the honor to invite the Ministry's attention to a program of scientific research which is intended to yield information on the shape and dimensions of the earth with a precision considerably exceeding that available from previous mapping techniques. This research involves precise observations from about forty locations around the world of a large spherical satellite, known as the Passive Geodetic Satellite (PAGEOS), which was launched from the United States last June.

The cooperation of the Government of Japan in this research project is earnestly solicited. If permitted by the Government of Japan, a team of four scientists and technicians employed by the United States Coast and Geodetic Survey, a part of the Department of Commerce, will plan to arrive in Japan on approximately September 20, accompanied by scientific instruments needed for the observations of the PAGEOS satellite. As the result of numerous meetings with representatives of the Science and Technology Agency, it has been determined that a suitable site for the observations can be made available near the city of Kanoya in Kagoshima Prefecture. The American team would plan to establish a bench mark and then to make observations from approximately October, 1966, to March, 1967, at which time the instruments would be removed to another location outside of Japan. Starting in April, 1968, the American team would like to return to Kanoya for another series of observations lasting about six months.

It is noted that the PAGEOS research program is open and unclassified, and that the results of the observations will be made freely available to the scientists of Japan. The proposed observation station in Kanoya will also be open to inspection by Japanese scientists and government officials at any time.

¹ Came into force on 19 September 1966 by the exchange of the said notes.

The assistance of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs concerning the entry of the American team and its equipment and the establishment of the observation station in Kanoya will be greatly appreciated. The team would use commercial communication facilities to maintain contact with its headquarters in Washington. Since it is hoped to start observations within a few weeks, an early response to this note will be greatly appreciated.

The Embassy of the United States of America avails itself of this occasion to renew to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs the assurances of its highest consideration.

R. T. W.

Embassy of the United States of America
Tokyo, September 12, 1966

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[TRANSLATION¹ — TRADUCTION²]

The Japanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs to the American Embassy

MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

September 19, 1966.

KOKUKA No. 421

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs presents its compliments to the Embassy of the United States in Japan and has the honor to acknowledge receipt of the Embassy's Note No. 201 of September 12, 1966, in which the Government of Japan was requested to cooperate in the geodetic satellite observation program.

Furthermore, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, noting that the above program is open and unclassified and that, in addition to the results of the observations being freely offered to Japanese scientists, authorities of the Japanese Government and Japanese scientists may at any time enter the proposed observation station in Kanoya, has the honor to state that it intends to assist with the entry of the American observation team and the bringing in of its equipment as well as in the establishment of the observation station in Kanoya.

It is further understood that detailed arrangements for the establishment of the observation station shall be taken care of by the authorities concerned from both the United States and Japan.

¹ Translation by the Government of the United States of America.

² Traduction du Gouvernement des États-Unis d'Amérique.