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**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
and  
PHILIPPINES**

**Exchange of notes constituting an agreement concerning  
exploitation of natural resources within United States  
military bases. Manila, 24 August 1967**

*Authentic text : English.*

*Registered by the United States of America on 1 October 1969.*

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

**Échange de notes constituant un accord relatif à l'exploit-  
ation des ressources naturelles situées à l'intérieur  
des bases militaires des États-Unis. Manille,  
24 août 1967**

*Texte authentique : anglais.*

*Enregistré par les États-Unis d'Amérique le 1<sup>er</sup> octobre 1969.*

EXCHANGE OF NOTES CONSTITUTING AN AGREEMENT<sup>1</sup>  
BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE  
PHILIPPINES CONCERNING EXPLOITATION OF NATU-  
RAL RESOURCES WITHIN UNITED STATES MILITARY  
BASES

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

No. 161

Excellency :

I have the honor to refer to discussions between representatives of our two governments concerning the question of exploitation of natural resources within United States bases in the Philippines and to confirm the understandings reached as a result of these discussions as follows :

1. It is mutually agreed that the exercise of the right to exploit natural resources within the bases shall be carried out conformably with the principles, procedures and conditions set forth in the exchange of notes of April 8, 1957,<sup>2</sup> which gives full recognition to the desirability of fostering the economic development of the Philippines and to the need to insure the security of the bases and the ability to accomplish military operations and training.

2. Application for access to bases used by the United States for the purpose of evaluation or exploitation of natural resources located therein will be transmitted by the Philippine Department of Foreign Affairs to the Embassy of the United States for forwarding to the appropriate United States military authorities. Such application shall be supported by documentation showing that the application has the approval of the responsible Philippine authorities to evaluate or exploit the specific natural resources, as set forth in the application for access, in accordance with Philippine law.

3. Each such application for access to bases for evaluation or exploitation of natural resources shall be promptly reviewed by the Philippine-United States Mutual Defense Board which shall determine whether the

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<sup>1</sup> Came into force on 24 August 1967, the date of the note in reply, in accordance with the provisions of the said notes.

<sup>2</sup> United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 303, p. 227.

evaluation or exploitation can be undertaken in a manner consistent with the security and operation of the base area.

If the foregoing is acceptable to Your Excellency's government, I have the honor to propose that this note and Your Excellency's reply indicating such acceptance shall constitute an agreement between our two governments to enter into force on the date of Your Excellency's reply.

Accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Embassy of the United States of America  
Manila, August 24, 1967

William McC. BLAIR, Jr.

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

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

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES  
DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

Manila, August 24, 1967

No. 19530

Excellency :

I have the honor to refer to your note No. 161 dated August 24, 1967, which reads as follows :

[See note I]

I am pleased to inform Your Excellency that the understandings indicated above are acceptable to my Government. Accordingly, Your Excellency's note and this note shall constitute an agreement between our Governments.

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