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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
and
TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

Exchange of notes constituting an agreement for the Meteorological Services of Trinidad to assume responsibility for operation of the rawinsonde observation station at Chaguaramas and eventually to transfer this station to Piarco Airport. Port of Spain, 7 October 1970

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ÉTATS-UNIS D'AMÉRIQUE
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Échange de notes constituant un accord confiant au service météorologique de la Trinité la responsabilité de l'exploitation de la station de radiosondage/radiovent de Chaguaramas et prévoyant le transfert de cette station à l'Aéroport de Piarco. Port of Spain, 7 octobre 1970

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EXCHANGE OF NOTES CONSTITUTING AN AGREEMENT¹
BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND
TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO FOR THE METEORO-
LOGICAL SERVICES OF TRINIDAD TO ASSUME
RESPONSIBILITY FOR OPERATION OF THE RAWIN-
SONDE OBSERVATION STATION AT CHAGUARAMAS
AND EVENTUALLY TO TRANSFER THIS STATION
TO PIARCO AIRPORT

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*The American Ambassador to the Minister of External Affairs
of Trinidad and Tobago*

Port of Spain, October 7, 1970

No. 73

Sir:

I have the honor to refer to the arrangements made by the Government of Trinidad and Tobago in 1967 for the Meteorological Service of Trinidad to assume responsibility for operation of the rawinsonde observation station at Chaguaramas and eventually to transfer this station to Piarco Airport.

In view of the proven value of rawinsonde observations from Trinidad, both for hurricane forecasting and as an element of the global upper air observational network, the Government of the United States of America would be prepared to assist in ensuring continued operation of the station, along the lines indicated in the informal discussions which took place in 1967 between the representatives of our two Governments.

If the Government of Trinidad and Tobago considers that a measure of technical support from my Government would be helpful in ensuring such continued operation, I have the honor to propose a program of cooperation between our two Governments on the following terms:

- (1) *Purpose.* The purpose of the program shall be the facilitation of the operation and maintenance of a rawinsonde observation station initially at Chaguaramas and now at Piarco Airport, and the international dissemination

¹ Came into force on 7 October 1970 with retroactive effect from 1 January 1968, in accordance with the provisions of the said notes.

of reports of the observations from this station, through cooperation between the designated cooperating agencies of the two Governments.

- (2) *Cooperating Agencies.* The cooperating agencies shall be (1) for the Government of the United States of America, the Environmental Science Services Administration, Department of Commerce, hereinafter referred to as the United States Cooperating Agency, and (2) for the Government of Trinidad and Tobago, the Meteorological Division of the appropriate Ministry of the Government of Trinidad and Tobago, hereinafter referred to as the Trinidad Cooperating Agency.
- (3) *Title to Property.* Title to all real property and any improvements thereto, furnished, acquired, or constructed for the purpose of conducting the program covered by this agreement shall be vested in the Trinidad Cooperating Agency. Title to any item of equipment or other item of personal property shall remain vested in the Cooperating Agency which supplied, or provided the funds for the supply of, the item unless otherwise agreed between the two Cooperating Agencies in specific cases or with respect to specific categories of equipment or personal property.
- (4) *Expenditures.* All expenditures incident to the obligations assumed by the United States Cooperating Agency shall be paid by the Government of the United States, and all expenditures incident to the obligations assumed by the Trinidad Cooperating Agency, shall be paid by the Government of Trinidad and Tobago.
- (5) *Importation of Materials, Equipment, Supplies and Goods.* The Government of Trinidad and Tobago shall take all necessary steps to facilitate the importation into Trinidad of all materials, equipment, supplies and goods, including motor vehicles, furnished by the United States Cooperating Agency for use in the cooperative program.
- (6) *Exemption from Duties and Taxes*
 - (a) All materials, equipment, supplies and goods, including motor vehicles, furnished by the United States Cooperating Agency and imported into Trinidad for use in the cooperative program shall be admitted free of taxes, customs and import duties, and other similar charges.
 - (b) No license fees, taxes, or other charges shall be payable in respect of the use in Trinidad, in connection with the cooperative program, of any item imported under the provisions of paragraph (6) (a) above.

- (c) No person ordinarily resident in the United States of America shall be liable to pay in Trinidad any tax in the nature of a license in respect of any service or work for the Government of the United States in connection with the cooperative program, or under any contract made with the Government of the United States in connection with that program.
- (d) Any employee of the Government of the United States temporarily in Trinidad in connection with the cooperative program shall be exempt from the payment in Trinidad of any tax or other charges which may be otherwise imposed solely by virtue of his temporary presence in Trinidad.
- (7) *Liability.* Each Cooperating Agency shall be responsible for claims for damage to property or injury to persons with respect only to activities under the cooperative program directly engaged in or performed by that Cooperating Agency or its employees. No liability shall attach to either Cooperating Agency based solely on title to the equipment, facilities or other property used in the cooperative program.
- (8) *Protection of Radio Frequencies.* The radio operating frequencies in the bands 401–406 MHz and 1660–1700 MHz shall be protected in order to insure their use free of interference for rawinsonde observations, in accordance with the provisions of the Radio Regulations¹ annexed to the International Telecommunication Convention.²
- (9) *Appropriation of Funds.* To the extent that the carrying out of any provisions of this agreement will depend on funds appropriated by the Congress of the United States of America, it shall be subject to the availability of such funds.
- (10) *Memorandum of Arrangement.* A Memorandum of Arrangement, specifying further details of the cooperative program to be operated under the agreement, shall be agreed by the two Cooperating Agencies and may be amended at any time by further agreement between them.
- (11) *Term.* This agreement shall be deemed to enter into force as of January 1, 1968, and shall remain in force until terminated by mutual agreement or until sixty days after either Government has given notice in writing to the other Government of its intention to terminate the agreement.

¹ United States of America: *Treaties and Other International Acts Series 4893*.

² United Kingdom, *Treaty Series, No. 74 (1961)*, Cmnd. 1484.

If the foregoing meets with the approval of the Government of Trinidad and Tobago, I have the honor to propose that my note and your reply to that effect shall together constitute an agreement between our two Governments concerning this matter.

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

J. FIFE SYMINGTON, Jr.

The Honorable Francis Prevatt
Minister of External Affairs
Port of Spain

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*The Minister of External Affairs of Trinidad and Tobago
to the American Ambassador*

TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

Port of Spain, 7th October, 1970

Sir,

I have the honour to refer to your letter dated 7 October, 1970, which reads as follows:

[See note I]

I have the honour to confirm that the above-mentioned proposals meet with the approval of the Government of Trinidad and Tobago and that your note together with this reply constitute an agreement between our two Governments on this subject.

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

F. C. PREVATT
Minister of External Affairs

His Excellency Mr. J. Fife Symington, Jr.,
Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary
of the United States of America
Port of Spain