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MEMORANDUM OF ARRANGEMENT¹

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration of the United States Department of Commerce (hereinafter referred to as the United States Cooperating Agency), and the Servicio Meteorológico de Costa Rica of the Ministerio de Agricultura y Ganadería (hereinafter referred to as the Costa Rica Cooperating Agency),

Being desirous of agreeing upon technical details to give effect to the agreement between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of Costa Rica for the operation of a rawinsonde station at San José which was effected by an exchange of notes at San José on April 29 and June 8, 1976,² have agreed as follows:

1. *Name of Undertaking.* The cooperative program to which this Memorandum of Arrangement refers shall be known as the "United States-Costa Rica Cooperative Meteorological Program".

2. *Conduct of Work.* The management of the station and the conduct of its observational and reporting programs shall be under the sole control of the Costa Rica Cooperating Agency, but the United States Cooperating Agency shall be available for consultation by the Costa Rica Cooperating Agency whenever the latter so desires.

3. *Specific Undertakings on the Part of the United States Cooperating Agency.* The United States Cooperating Agency:

(a) Shall provide, and bear the cost of providing and transporting to Costa Rica, all quantities of the following items of equipment:

- 1) radiosonde transmitters 1680 MHz including batteries, thermistors and hygristors;
- 2) temperature and humidity evaluators;
- 3) balloons, 600 grams;
- 4) chemicals for hydrogen generation;
- 5) parachutes;
- 6) radiosonde tape and string;
- 7) forms and charts;
- 8) balloon lighting units; and
- 9) such other items as may be agreed between the two Cooperating Agencies;

which are required, as from January 1, 1976, for the operation at the station at San José, Costa Rica, of the program specified in 4(b) below.

(b) Shall hold itself available for consultation with the Costa Rica Cooperating Agency, as considered necessary by the latter Agency, in regard to technical matters related to the cooperative program.

(c) Shall provide such other services in connection with the cooperative program as may, from time to time, be agreed between the two Cooperating Agencies.

4. *Specific Undertakings on the Part of the Costa Rica Cooperating Agency.* The Costa Rica Cooperating Agency:

(a) Shall establish and maintain a rawinsonde observation station at San José, Costa Rica.

¹ Came into force on 28 June 1976 by signature, with retroactive effect from 1 January 1976, in accordance with section 6.

² See p. 3 of this volume.

- (b) Shall arrange for the rawinsonde observations to be made daily, including Sundays and holidays, at 1200 GMT, and for reports of the observations to be made and disseminated internationally, such observations and reports to be made in accordance with the practices and procedures recommended by the World Meteorological Organization.
- (c) Shall provide, and bear the cost of providing, all personnel, buildings, utilities, services, supplies, and equipment, other than that specified in 3(a) above, which are required for the operation of the program specified in 4(a) and 4(b) above.
- (d) Shall pay all costs of transportation of any equipment provided by the United States Cooperating Agency under the provisions of 3(a) above, from the Costa Rica port of entry to the destination in Costa Rica.
- (e) Shall pay to the United States Cooperating Agency, beginning on or about January 1, 1976, the sum of \$25,000 in six bimonthly payments for services to be rendered by that Agency in connection with the cooperative program during the twelve months ending December 31, 1976, and each year thereafter in bimonthly payments an amount to be agreed on through correspondence.

5. *Liability.* Each Cooperating Agency shall be responsible for claims for damage to property or injury to persons with respect only to activities under the 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 program.

6. *Term.* This Memorandum of Arrangement shall enter into force with effect as from January 1, 1976, and shall be coterminous with the related agreement between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of Costa Rica.

June 28, 1976.

[Signed]

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[Signed]

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