

September 21, 1967

**EXCHANGE OF NOTES CONSTITUTING AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES AND
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
CONCERNING THE EXCHANGE OF CERTAIN PORTIONS OF THE
UNITED STATES NAVAL RESERVATION AT SUBIC BAY WITH
CERTAIN PORTIONS OF THE BATAAN NATIONAL PARK**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

**Exchange of Certain Portions of US Naval Reservation at Subic Bay With
Certain Portions of the Bataan National Park**

Agreement effected by exchange of notes;

Signed at Manila 23 September and 16 October 1967;

Entered into force 16 October 1967.

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The American Ambassador to the Philippine Secretary for Foreign Affairs

No. 252

Manila, September 21, 1967

Excellency:

I have the honor to refer to recent discussions between the Department of Foreign Affairs and the Embassy about an exchange of land at the United States Naval Reservation at Subic Bay. The subject has also been discussed with authorities of Olongapo City and the Mutual Defense Board. The purpose of the exchange is to alleviate problems of security and to protect the watershed and the timber resources on the Reservation and the adjacent portion of the Bataan National Park and at the same time to straighten the perimeter of the Reservation.

I now have the honor to propose that the United States Government relinquish to the Philippine Government its right to use those parcels of land designated as areas X, Y, and B on the attached map and containing a total of approximately 630 hectares. I have the further honor to propose that the Government of the Philippines make available to the Government of the United States as an integral part of Subic Bay Naval Reservation that parcel of land, designated as area Z on the attached map and containing approximately 615 hectares. A more detailed description of the four parcels of land is also enclosed. In further consideration for this exchange, the Philippine Government, in order to protect the security and watershed on the Reservation and the watershed for the Boton and Binutican Rivers and the timber resources on the adjacent portion of Bataan National Park, undertakes to (a) prohibit the settlement or occupancy for any purpose including logging or farming, of any portion of the parcel of land designated as area A on the attached map, and (b) effect the removal of all unauthorized occupants within the new Reservation boundaries established by this exchange.

Finally, I have the honor to propose that the Philippine-United States Mutual Defense Board be asked to fix the precise new boundaries of the reservation established by the exchange.

If the foregoing is acceptable to your Government, I propose that this Note and Your Excellency's reply indicating acceptance shall constitute an agreement between our two Governments which will enter into force on the date of Your Excellency's reply.

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

WILLIAM MCC. BLAIR, JR.

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

DESCRIPTION OF AREAS A, B, X, Y AND Z

1. Reference Map: Boundary Survey Map of Subic Naval Base by F. C. Cruz & Co., 20 November 1962 (Bureau of Lands, Plan SWO-40367).

2. General. Five areas designated A, B, X, Y and Z are shown. These areas are approximately defined in the following paragraphs.

3. Area A. That area of approximately 393 hectares bounded by lines connecting corner points 1 and 6 and the peak of Mt. Santa Rosa.

Corner Point 1 is located at coordinates Northings 13,873.23 and Eastings 28,693.50 and defined by a cylindrical concrete monument 15 X 75 CM marked U.S.M.R.

Corner Point 6 is located at coordinates Northings 11,166.13 and Eastings 27,048.40 and define by a cylindrical monument 15 X 75 CM marked U.S.M.R.

Peak of Mount Santa Rosa is located at approximately 14°-45'-07"N latitude and 120°-22'-28"E longitude.

4. Area B. That area of approximately 22 hectares bounded by the U.S. Naval reservation Boundary from Corner Point 469 to Corner Point 488 and a line 1 meter to the west and north of the Kalayaan Perimeter fence.

Corner Point 469 is located at coordinates Northings 21,231.83 and Eastings 20,701.39 and defined by a cylindrical monument 15 X 75 CM marked U.S.M.R.

Corner Point 488 is located at coordinates Northings 22,671.55 and Eastings 21,556.67 and defined by a cylindrical monument 15 X 75 CM marked U.S.M.R.

5. Area X. That area of approximately 427 hectares bounded by the following lines:

U.S. Naval Reservation Boundary along Highway 7 (Zigzag).

A line 10 meters north of the centerline of the road designated "Access Road".

A line 3 meters to the outside (east) of Argonaut Highway Fence between the Access Road and the intersection of Argonaut Highway and Highway 7.