## EXCHANGE OF NOTES CONSTITUTING AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA RELATING TO THE RELINQUISHMENT OF THE UNITED STATES NAVAL RADIO TRANSMITTING FACILITY LOCATED AT BAGOBANTAY, QUEZON CITY

Note: The Agreement entered into force, January II, 1963.

Reference: This Agreement is also published in 473 UNTS, p. 43. No. 557

Manila, December 31, 1962

## Excellency:

I have the honor to refer to recent discussions between representatives of our two Governments concerning relinquishment of the United States Naval Radio Transmitting Facility located at Bagobantay, Quezon City.

The Government of the United States of America hereby relinquishes the aforesaid facility, effective midnight January 15, 1963, to the Government of the Republic of the Philippines pursuant to Article I, paragraph 3 of the Agreement of March 14, 1947, concerning military bases. It is understood that the Philippine Government will hold the United States Government harmless from any claims which may arise from the use by others than the United States of the area released, except for those meritorious claims paid by the United States.

With specific reference to the Department's Note No. 2118-62, the Government of the United States of America concurs with the proposal of the Government of the Republic of the Philippines that the latter use the Bagobantay site as an area in which to relocate the activities of the Joint United States Military Advisory Group, subject to the conclusion of detained arrangements with the Government of the Republic of the Philippines in accordance with Articles 7 and 8(b), Mutual Defense Assistance Agreement of July 5, 1953.

If the foregoing is acceptable to your Government, I have the honor to propose that this note and Your Excellency's reply thereto indicating such acceptance shall constitute an agreement between our two Governments which shall enter into force at midnight, January 15, 1963.

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

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