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and
NIGERIA**

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**Accord relatif à la création, sur le territoire de la Fédération
de Nigéria, d'une station pour le repérage des engins
spatiaux et les communications avec ces engins. Signé
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No. 5672. AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE FEDERATION OF NIGERIA AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT WITHIN THE FEDERATION OF NIGERIA OF A STATION FOR SPACE VEHICLE TRACKING AND COMMUNICATIONS. SIGNED AT LAGOS, ON 19 OCTOBER 1960

The Government of the Federation of Nigeria and the Government of the United States of America,

Considering that the Government of the United States wishes to establish and operate, for exclusively scientific and non-military purposes, a station for space vehicle tracking and communications within the Federation of Nigeria as part of a world-wide range being established by that Government in connection with its manned satellite programme, known as "Project Mercury", under which the United States plans to place a manned earth satellite into orbital flight and to recover it, and

Considering further that the Government of the Federation of Nigeria, desiring to co-operate with the Government of the United States in this scientific programme and thereby to contribute to the knowledge of man's spatial environment, have indicated their willingness to agree to the establishment and operation of the said tracking and communications station, for the purposes set forth above, by the Government of the United States on a site in the vicinity of Kano,

Have agreed as follows :

Article I

The costs of constructing, installing, equipping and operating the station shall be borne wholly by the Government of the United States.

Article II

(1) The Government of the Federation of Nigeria shall use their best efforts to ensure that land areas and rights-of-way required for the station shall be made available to the Government of the United States. The specific site or sites and ancillary rights required for the station shall be as agreed upon by the authorised representatives of the two Governments. On the part of the Government of the

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United States these shall be representatives of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (hereinafter referred to as "NASA") ; on the part of the Government of the Federation of Nigeria these shall be representatives of the Government of the Northern Region of Nigeria.

(2) Rental costs for the land areas and rights-of-way required for the station shall be borne by the Government of the United States.

Article III

The station shall include installations for telemetry, a ground to air transmitter, and a ground receiver ; installations for point-to-point communications to the extent that communications requirements cannot be met by the authorised telecommunications carriers, who, for the purposes of this agreement, shall be the Nigerian Posts and Telegraphs Department for communications within Nigeria and Cable and Wireless Limited for communications outside Nigeria ; and necessary supporting buildings and structures for offices, storage, housing, sanitation and for other purposes which may be required. Buildings shall generally be of a standard prefabricated type, transportable and removable. Power for the station shall be obtained locally to the extent this is mutually convenient, or shall be generated at the sites from equipment installed as a part of the station. Roads shall be constructed as necessary, at the expense of the Government of the United States, to connect the station with the local road system.

Article IV

The Government of the Federation of Nigeria shall co-operate with the Government of the United States to determine the radio frequencies to be used for the station. All radio operations shall be conducted so as not to interfere with the services of installations in the Federation of Nigeria or in neighboring territories, and shall comply at all times with the provisions of the International Telecommunication Convention.¹

Article V

Construction of the station shall be by a United States contractor who shall to the maximum feasible, employ local sub-contractors, if available, and local labour to perform the required work. Maximum use shall be made of materials and supplies available locally. The Government of the Federation of Nigeria shall, upon request, use their best efforts to assist the contractor in the local procurement of goods, materials, supplies and services required for the construction of the station.

¹ United States of America : *Treaties and Other International Acts Series* 3266.