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No. 6663. EXCHANGE OF NOTES CONSTITUTING AN AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND ITALY RELATING TO A SPACE SCIENCE RESEARCH PROGRAM. ROME, 5 SEPTEMBER 1962

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The Vice President of the United States of America to the Italian Minister for Foreign Affairs

EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Rome, September 5, 1962

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Excellency :

I have the honor to refer to previous conversations between representatives of the United States National Aeronautics and Space Administration and the Italian Space Commission of the National Council of Research regarding cooperation in a scientific experiment which proposes the placement in orbit around the earth of an Italian satellite from an Italian launching facility by means of a rocket provided by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration. The objective of the experiment is to perform measurements of atmospheric and ionospheric characteristics of the earth's atmosphere and to make the resulting scientific data freely available to the world scientific community.

The United States Government confirms the Memorandum of Understanding signed May 31, 1962 by the United States National Aeronautics and Space Administration and the Italian Space Commission, a copy of which Memorandum is enclosed. It is understood that implementation and direction of United States participation in the proposed scientific experiment shall be the responsibility of the United States National Aeronautics and Space Administration and that implementation and direction of Italian participation shall be the responsibility of the Italian Space Commission. The fulfillment and pace of progress of the scientific experiment shall be mutually determined by the two cooperating technical agencies and subject to the conditions which the two agencies have incorporated in the Memorandum of Understanding.

I have the honor to propose that this Note, together with Your Excellency's reply concurring therein and confirming the enclosed Memorandum of Understanding,

¹ Came into force on 5 September 1962 by the exchange of the said notes.

shall constitute an Agreement between our two Governments, which shall enter into force on the date of Your Excellency's reply.

Accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Lyndon B. JOHNSON
Vice-President of the United States of America

Enclosure :

Memorandum of Understanding
May 31, 1962

His Excellency Attilio Piccioni
Minister for Foreign Affairs
Rome

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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE ITALIAN SPACE
COMMISSION OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF RESEARCH AND THE
UNITED STATES NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

1. The Italian Space Commission of the National Council of Research (The Commission) and the United States National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) affirm a mutual desire to conduct a series of experiments which it is hoped will culminate in the launching of a scientific satellite into an equatorial orbit. The objective is to perform measurements of atmospheric and ionospheric characteristics in a region of the earth's atmosphere not previously explored and to make the resulting scientific data freely available. This experimental program is planned to consist of three phases :

(a) First phase—An appropriate sounding rocket will be utilized to provide a flight test of the principal elements of the scientific payload. This launching will take place from the Wallops Island Station and/or from an Italian platform of the San Marco type located near the equator.

(b) Second phase—A prototype of the ultimate satellite payload will be placed in orbit by means of a Scout booster launched from the Wallops Island Station.

(c) Third phase—A scientific satellite, bearing experiments as described above, will be placed in an equatorial orbit by means of a Scout booster launched from a platform of the San Marco type, located in equatorial waters.

2. The cooperating agencies shall proceed from each phase to the next upon mutual agreement that technical feasibility has been demonstrated and, in particular,