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No. 7889. EXCHANGE OF NOTES CONSTITUTING AN AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND MEXICO RELATING TO THE CONTINUATION AND EXPANDED USE OF THE TRACKING AND COMMUNICATIONS STATION AT EMPALME-GUAYMAS, SONORA. MEXICO, 27 FEBRUARY 1965

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The American Ambassador to the Mexican Secretary of Foreign Relations

No. 1220

Mexico City, February 27, 1965

Excellency :

I have the honor to refer to the Agreement between our two Governments effected by an exchange of notes signed at Mexico City on April 12, 1960,² concerning the establishment and operation, for exclusively scientific purposes, of the Tracking and Communications Station established at Empalme-Guaymas, Sonora, which, by the exchange of notes also signed at Mexico City on May 16, 1963,³ was extended to November 30, 1964, and temporarily to January 31, 1965, and finally, to February 27, 1965, in order that the Government of Mexico might decide whether or not it was in a position to extend it again for a longer period of time.

As a result of the recent conversations that I had with Your Excellency, to the effect that the Government of Mexico is willing, in principle, to continue its cooperation with the Government of the United States of America in the maintenance of this scientific program that has so successfully been operating in peaceful space research, the Government of the United States of America proposes that the cooperation noted above be extended to accommodate continued development of experimental programs of a peaceful and scientific character contributing to manned and unmanned flight, including the provision of such additional equipment as may be required at the Station consistent with these purposes.

To that end and for the purpose of reducing the Agreement to a single text, it is further proposed that the aforesaid notes exchanged between the two Governments on April 12, 1960, May 16, 1963, and January 27, 1965,⁴ be replaced by this note and Your Excellency's reply thereto, which shall

¹ Came into force on 27 February 1965 by the exchange of the said notes.

² United Nations, *Treaty Series*, Vol. 372, p. 47.

³ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, Vol. 479, p. 379.

⁴ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, Vol. 541, No. 5287.

constitute the present Agreement between our two Governments on this matter, in the following terms :

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Inasmuch as the Government of Mexico — having in mind that this is a project definitely civilian in character, without military objectives, and unrelated to programs of atomic energy — has manifested its interest in participating in this scientific experiment and, consequently, has contributed toward the knowledge of the results thereof, it has decided to continue contributing toward the useful development of the project as it has hitherto been doing.

II

The Tracking and Communications Station, which forms part of a world-wide network of similar stations established through cooperation between the Government of the United States of America and other governments, will continue to operate in accordance with the rules hereinafter specified.

III

For the purpose of the above-described operation, the Mexico-United States Commission for Space Observations, created for this purpose and composed of two Sections, the Mexican and the United States Sections, shall be continued. Each of the two Sections shall have three members, appointed respectively by the two Governments or their agencies, and they shall serve jointly as the contact organization between the two Governments and, in the spirit of friendship that characterizes relations between Mexico and the United States and with the scientific aims pursued, shall continue to be in charge of seeing to it that the operation can be brought to a successful conclusion. The Commission's headquarters shall continue to be in Mexico City.

IV

The maintenance and operation of the Station shall be subject to the following principles and procedures :

1. The scientific data obtained as the result of this experiment shall be made available to the scientists of all participating countries. Thus, Mexican scientists shall have ample opportunity to continue participating in this attempt to explore the mysteries of outer space.

2. Consistent with the peaceful scientific nature of this cooperative project, the Government of the United States of America is prepared to grant access on a reciprocal basis to scientists of all participating countries, including Mexican scientists, to visit the stations concerned with this same project in the United States.

3. The Station may be used for scientific activities of interest to the Government of Mexico, on the understanding that such activities will be conducted in such manner as not to interfere with the agreed schedules of operation and that any