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**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
and
MEXICO**

**Exchange of notes (with Memorandum of Understanding)
constituting an agreement regarding the continuation of
a co-operative meteorological program for the establish-
ment and operation of weather stations. Mexico,
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No. 8496. EXCHANGE OF NOTES CONSTITUTING AN AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND MEXICO REGARDING THE CONTINUATION OF A CO-OPERATIVE METEOROLOGICAL PROGRAM FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT AND OPERATION OF WEATHER STATIONS. MEXICO, 4 FEBRUARY 1966

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The American Ambassador to the Mexican Secretary of Foreign Relations

No. 1153

Excellency :

I have the honor to refer to the Cooperative Meteorological Program between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the United Mexican States for the establishment and operation of surface and upper air observation stations in Mexico and to the various Agreements between our two Governments regarding the Program, the most recent of which was effected by exchange of notes on February 14, 1964.²

Considering the mutual benefits derived from the Cooperative Meteorological Program, I have the honor to propose its continuation beyond December 31, 1965, upon the following terms :

1. *Name of the Program*

The program to be carried out under the present Agreement shall be known as "The Mexican-United States Cooperative Meteorological Program."

2. *Cooperating Agencies*

The Cooperating Agencies shall be (1) for the Government of the United States of America, the Environmental Science Services Administration, Department of Commerce, hereinafter referred to as the "United States Cooperating Agency," and (2) for the Government of the United Mexican States, the Directorate General of Geography and Meteorology, Department of Agriculture and Animal Husbandry, hereinafter referred to as the "Mexican Cooperating Agency."

3. *General Purposes*

The general purposes of the present Agreement shall be as follows :

¹ Came into force on 4 February 1966 by the exchange of the said notes, and deemed operative from 1 January 1966, in accordance with the provision thereof.

² United Nations, *Treaty Series*, Vol. 524, p. 197.

(A) To provide for the establishment, operation, and maintenance of meteorological stations at locations in Mexican territory that are suitable from the technical standpoint and selected by mutual arrangement between the Cooperating Agencies, in accordance with paragraph 8 of this Agreement, for the purpose of securing data by systematic observations of meteorological conditions at the earth's surface and in the upper air, and such special meteorological observations as may be needed for research or in potential or actual emergency situations resulting from meteorological phenomena.

(B) To provide for the daily exchange of surface and upper-air observations between the two Cooperating Agencies for use in their respective countries in the preparation of weather forecasts, including hurricane warnings, and in meeting the needs of international aviation.

4. *Title to Property*

Title to all personal property purchased with funds supplied by the United States Cooperating Agency shall remain vested in the United States Cooperating Agency, and title to all personal property acquired by the Mexican Cooperating Agency shall remain vested in the Mexican Cooperating Agency.

5. *Payments*

All expenses incident to the obligations assumed by the United States Cooperating Agency shall be paid directly by the Government of the United States of America, and all expenses incident to the obligations assumed by the Mexican Cooperating Agency shall be paid directly by the Government of the United Mexican States.

6. *Exemption from Duties and Taxes*

(A) All supplies and equipment brought into Mexico by the Government of the United States of America for the purposes of this Agreement shall be free of taxes and customs duties.

(B) The Government of the United Mexican States will grant the functionaries of the Government of the United States of America who are citizens of that country and commissioned by its government for work related to the present Agreement the same treatment regarding taxes as is established in Article III of the existing Consular Convention between the United States of America and Mexico, signed on August 12, 1942.¹ The Government of the United Mexican States will also grant such functionaries and the members of their families who are nationals of the United States of America the same treatment with regard to customs duties as is established in Article IV of said Consular Convention.

7. *Liabilities*

Functionaries and employees of the Cooperative Meteorological Program whose salaries are paid by the United States Cooperating Agency shall be considered as being solely functionaries and employees of the United States Cooperating Agency. The Mexican Cooperating Agency and its functionaries and employees shall be held harmless from any liability whatsoever resulting from the use of station equipment, including vehicles, by the functionaries and employees of the United States Cooperating Agency.

¹ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, Vol. 125, p. 301.

Functionaries and employees whose salaries are paid by the Mexican Cooperating Agency shall be considered as being solely functionaries and employees of the Mexican Cooperating Agency. The United States Cooperating Agency and its functionaries and employees shall be held harmless from any liability whatsoever resulting from the use of station equipment, including vehicles, by the functionaries and employees of the Mexican Cooperating Agency.

8. *Technical Specifications Concerning Operation*

The technical details necessary for carrying out the program are set forth in the attached Memorandum of Understanding between the Cooperating Agencies, which has been approved by our two Governments and shall, therefore, become operative on the same date the present Agreement becomes operative.

Any additions to or changes in the attached Memorandum of Understanding, which may be mutually agreed upon by the Cooperating Agencies, shall enter into force when approved through diplomatic channels by the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the United Mexican States.

Meteorological stations established in the territory of the United Mexican States and meteorological work carried out in that territory shall always be under the direction and authority of the Mexican functionaries.

9. *Term*

The present Agreement shall remain in force until December 31, 1968. It shall be subject to termination by either Government by giving to the other Government notice in writing sixty days in advance.

I have the honor to propose that this note and Your Excellency's reply concurring in the proposals contained herein shall constitute an Agreement between our two Governments, which shall enter into force on the date of your reply, and shall be considered as having been operative as of January 1, 1966.

I avail myself of this opportunity to renew to Your Excellency the assurances of my highest and most distinguished consideration.

Fulton FREEMAN

Enclosure :

Memorandum of Understanding

Embassy of the United States of America
Mexico, D.F., February 4, 1966

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

The Directorate General of Geography and Meteorology, of the Department of Agriculture and Animal Husbandry, hereinafter referred to as the Mexican Cooperating Agency, and the Environmental Science Services Administration, Department of Commerce, hereinafter referred to as the United States Cooperating Agency, agree to the following in accordance with paragraph 8 of the Agreement relating to the Mexican-