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AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE FRENCH REPUBLIC CONCERNING THE SYSTEM OF COMMUNICATIONS AND DEPOTS OF THE UNITED STATES ARMY IN METROPOLITAN FRANCE

The Government of the United States of America, and

The Government of the French Republic,

Considering their respective obligations within the framework of the North Atlantic Treaty;²

Recalling that, pursuant to an Agreement of November 6, 1950,³ certain facilities had been granted to the Government of the United States for the establishment of a line of communication across France for the needs of the United States forces in Germany;

Considering that this line of communication has by degrees been modified so as to change it into a system of communications and depots established on the territory of Metropolitan France and that its legal status should be defined;

Have, to this end, agreed on the following provisions:

Article I

a) The Government of the United States may continue to utilize and operate, for the duration of the present Agreement and in accordance with the provisions of the present Agreement as well as the provisions of technical agreements entered into or to be entered into between the competent authorities of the two Governments, the facilities provided heretofore in France between certain agreed points of the Atlantic coast of France and the French-German frontier for the logistic support of United States forces in Europe.

b) The Government of the United States may in addition request of the Government of the French Republic the establishment and operation of other installations. These requests for supplementary installations will, except for unusual cases, be the subject of a consolidated program drawn up semi-annually and submitted for the approval of the Government of the French Republic at least three months before the expiration of the six month period.

¹ Came into force one 8 December 1958 by signature.

² United Nations, *Treaty Series*, Vol. 34, p. 243.

³ Not printed.

c) On their side, the French authorities reserve the right to present, for certain United States installations previously agreed, proposals for review, modification, or transfer, such as may appear desirable from the French point of view.

d) The Government of the United States may maintain in France forces of the United States Army. The maximum level and general location of such forces will be fixed from time to time by classified exchanges of letters between the two Governments. The United States military authorities will furnish a quarterly report of force levels to the Central Liaison Mission for Assistance to the Allied Armies.

e) The provisions of the Agreement signed in London on June 19, 1951,¹ between the Parties to the North Atlantic Treaty concerning the Status of their Forces govern the status of the United States Army forces stationed in France.

Article II

a) The Government of the French Republic will make available to the United States Army, without any charge to the Government of the United States, all land areas available from the domain of the State (including their already existing improvements in the state in which they are found) necessary to the installations which have been agreed and which the Government of the French Republic assigns for this purpose, with the rights of way, easements, and appurtenances relating thereto.

b) The Government of the United States will assume responsibility for the costs of construction and maintenance and for such incidental costs as have been and as may be agreed from time to time between the two Governments.

Article III

a) The flags of the United States and of France will fly over the principal installations of the United States Army in France.

b) The French territorial command will continue in the general area where installations are placed at the disposition of United States forces. However, the operational command of such installations will be exercised by competent United States authorities.

Article IV

a) All removable facilities erected by or on behalf of the United States Army at the sole expense of the Government of the United States and all

¹ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, Vol. 199, p. 67.