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and
NETHERLANDS**

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No. 4031. EXCHANGE OF NOTES CONSTITUTING AN AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE NETHERLANDS RELATING TO THE ESTABLISHMENT AND OPERATION OF RAWIN-SONDE OBSERVATION STATIONS ON CURAÇAO AND ST. MARTIN ISLANDS. THE HAGUE, 6 AND 16 AUGUST 1956

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The American Ambassador to the Netherlands Minister Without Portfolio

AMERICAN EMBASSY

The Hague, August 6, 1956

Excellency :

I have the honor to refer to conversations which have taken place between representatives of the Government of the United States of America and representatives of the Government of the Kingdom of the Netherlands regarding the desirability of establishing a cooperative program for the establishment and operation of rawinsonde observation stations in Curaçao and St. Martin (Sint Maarten).

The purpose of such a program is to provide essential meteorological information for research into the origin, development, structure, and movement of hurricanes and for the preparation of hurricane warnings. The ultimate object is to achieve greater accuracy and timeliness in forecasts of hurricanes and in warnings of accompanying destructive winds, tides, and floods.

In view of the mutual benefit to our countries which is likely to result, the Government of the United States of America desires to invite the Government of the Kingdom of the Netherlands to participate in a cooperative meteorological observation program, in accordance with the following principles :

1. COOPERATING AGENCIES

The cooperating agencies shall be (1) for the Government of the United States of America, the Weather Bureau, Department of Commerce, hereinafter referred to as

¹ Came into force on 12 September 1956, the date of signature of a memorandum of arrangement embodying technical details, in accordance with the provisions of the said notes.