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and
VENEZUELA**

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The American Ambassador to the Venezuelan Minister of Foreign Relations

THE FOREIGN SERVICE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
AMERICAN EMBASSY
CARACAS, VENEZUELA

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Excellency :

I have the honor to refer to the previously expressed desire of my Government to conclude an agreement with the Republic of Venezuela by which the merchant vessels of the United States of America which call at Venezuelan ports, and the ships of Venezuelan registry calling at ports of the United States, each may be exempted from any requirement of admeasurement by the port authorities of the other nation.

Under the law of the United States, merchant ships of Venezuelan registry calling at ports of the United States are not required to be admeasured by the authorities of the United States, unless their tonnage certificates are manifestly incorrect. I have the honor, therefore, to request, for the benefit of United States merchant vessels calling at Venezuelan ports, the exemption from the requirement of admeasurement by Venezuelan authorities provided in the Single Paragraph of Article 33 of the Venezuelan Navigation Law, except in so far as the tonnage certificates of such vessels may be open to doubt with respect to data contained in them.

If this arrangement is acceptable to the Government of Venezuela, my Government will consider this note and Your Excellency's note in reply concurring therein as constituting an agreement between our respective governments which shall take effect on the date of receipt of your reply note.

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

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His Excellency Dr. José Loreto Arismendi
Minister of Foreign Relations
Caracas

¹ Came into force on 21 February 1957 by the exchange of the said notes.