

## WEATHER STATIONS

*Exchange of notes at México March 29 and August 15, 1949*  
*Entered into force October 20, 1949; operative from July 1, 1948*  
*Extended by agreements of April 7 and August 22, 1952,<sup>1</sup> and June 30,*  
*1953<sup>2</sup>*  
*Expired June 30, 1956*

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*The American Ambassador to the Acting Minister of Foreign Affairs*

EMBASSY OF THE  
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
*México, D.F., March 29, 1949*

No. 3045

### 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 United Mexican States regarding the desirability of continuing the cooperative program established in 1942 for the establishment and operation of surface, winds aloft, and radiosonde observation stations in Mexico.

It is my understanding that these conversations have resulted in agreement upon a program for continuation of a cooperative meteorological observation program to be carried on by the Weather Bureau, Department of Commerce, on behalf of the Government of the United States of America and by the Mexican Meteorological Service on behalf of the Government of the United Mexican States, 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 the United States Cooperating Agency, and (2) for the Government of the United Mexican States, the Mexican Meteorological Service, hereinafter referred to as the Mexican Cooperating Agency.

<sup>1</sup> 3 UST 5081; TIAS 2695.

<sup>2</sup> 4 UST 1700; TIAS 2837.

2. General Purposes—The general purposes of the present agreement shall be as follows:

(a) To provide for the establishment, operation, and maintenance of meteorological stations, at strategical locations in Mexico selected by mutual arrangement between the two Cooperating Agencies, for securing reports of regularly scheduled surface, winds aloft, and radiosonde observations; and

(b) To provide for the daily exchange of surface and upper-air observation reports between the two Cooperating Agencies for the use of the respective countries, particularly to meet the needs of aviation and to make it possible for the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the United Mexican States to assist in the development of a continental exchange of weather information and forecasts and hurricane advisories.

3. Title to Property—Title to all property purchased with funds supplied by the United States Cooperating Agency shall remain vested in that Agency, and title to all property supplied by the Mexican Cooperating Agency shall remain vested in that Agency.

4. Expenditures—All expenditures incurred by the United States Cooperating Agency shall be paid directly by the Government of the United States of America, and all expenditures incident to the obligations assumed by the Mexican Cooperating Agency shall be paid directly by the Government of the United Mexican States.

5. Effect on Earlier Agreements—It is understood and agreed by and between the parties hereto that the present agreement supersedes the following agreements:

(a) Agreement between the United States of America and the United Mexican States relating to the establishment in Mexico of radiosonde observation stations, effected by exchange of notes signed at México, D.F., on October 13 and 20 and November 10, 1942,<sup>3</sup> as amended and extended by agreement effected by exchange of notes signed at México, D.F., on May 12 and June 16, 21 and 28, 1945;<sup>4</sup>

(b) Agreement between the United States of America and the United Mexican States relating to the establishment and operation of nine meteorological stations in Mexico, effected by exchange of notes signed at México, D.F., on May 18 and June 14, 1943;<sup>5</sup>

(c) Agreement between the United States of America and the United Mexican States relating to the establishment and operation of a meteorological

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<sup>3</sup> TIAS 1989, *ante*, p. 1099.

<sup>4</sup> TIAS 1989, *ante*, p. 1206.

<sup>5</sup> TIAS 1806, *ante*, p. 1143.

station on Guadalupe Island, Baja California effected by exchange of notes signed at México, D.F., on November 6, 1945 and April 12, 1946.<sup>6</sup>

6. Term—The present agreement shall remain in effect through June 30, 1951 and may be continued in force for additional periods by written agreement to that effect by the two Governments, but either Government may terminate the present agreement by giving to the other Government notice in writing sixty days in advance. Participation on the part of either Government in the project contemplated by the present agreement shall be subject to the availability of funds appropriated by the legislative bodies of the respective Governments.

If the above principles meet with the approval of the Government of the United Mexican States, I should appreciate receiving Your Excellency's reply to that effect as soon as possible in order that the technical details may be arranged by officials of the two Cooperating Agencies.

Upon the conclusion of an arrangement between the two Cooperating Agencies embodying the above-mentioned technical details, such arrangement to be subject to amendment at any time by concurrence between the two Cooperating Agencies, the Government of the United States of America will consider the present note and your reply concurring therein as constituting an agreement between our two Governments, which shall be considered effective from July 1, 1948.

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

WALTER THURSTON

His Excellency  
Señor Don MANUEL TELLO,  
*Acting Minister for Foreign Relations,*  
*México, D.F.*

*The Acting Minister of Foreign Affairs to the American Ambassador*

[TRANSLATION]

MINISTRY OF FOREIGN RELATIONS  
UNITED MEXICAN STATES  
MEXICO

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MEXICO, D.F., *August 15, 1949*

MR. AMBASSADOR:

I have the honor to refer to Your Excellency's note No. 3045, dated March 29, 1949, concerning the desirability of continuing the cooperative program initiated in 1942 for the establishment and operation of surface, winds aloft, and radiosonde observation stations in Mexico.

<sup>6</sup> TIAS 1807, *ante*, p. 1211.

Considering that the meteorological cooperation has been mutually beneficial for Mexico and the United States of America, I take the liberty of informing Your Excellency that my Government is willing to enter into an agreement for the continuation of the said program, in accordance with the following principles:

[For text of principles, see numbered paragraphs of U.S. note, above.]

Upon the signature by the two Cooperating Agencies of the Memorandum Agreement embodying the technical details of the program, such arrangement to be subject to amendment at any time by concurrence between the two Cooperating Agencies, the Government of the United Mexican States will consider Your Excellency's note No. 3045 and the present note as constituting an agreement between our two Governments, which shall be effective from July 1, 1948.

Therefore, I request Your Excellency to be good enough to send me the copies of the said Memorandum drafted in English, which I shall return to the Embassy, duly signed by the Chief of the Mexican Meteorological Service, in order that they may be approved, together with the copies in Spanish, by the appropriate official of your Government.

Accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

MANUEL TELLO

His Excellency

WALTER THURSTON,

*Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary  
of the United States of America,  
City.*