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Exchanges of Notes

between the Government of the United Kingdom
of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government
of the United States of America
relating to the Establishment of
Hurricane Research Stations on Jamaica and
Grand Cayman Island

Washington, December 30, 1958/February 15, 1960

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EXCHANGES OF NOTES BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA RELATING TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF HURRICANE RESEARCH STATIONS ON JAMAICA AND GRAND CAYMAN ISLAND

No. 1

*The United States Secretary of State to Her Majesty's Ambassador
at Washington*

*Department of State,
Washington*

December 30, 1958.

Excellency:

I have the honor to inform you that preparations are under way in the United States Weather Bureau for extensive investigation of Caribbean hurricanes during the next few years. The object of this investigation is to achieve greater accuracy and timeliness in forecasts of hurricanes and in warnings of accompanying destructive winds, tides and floods. To obtain essential meteorological information for this purpose, it is necessary to establish an augmented network of stations in the Caribbean for taking soundings of upper air temperature, pressure, humidity and winds. The Government of the United States of America therefore proposes that, as part of this augmented network, an upper air sounding station, technically known as a "rawinsonde" station, should be established, maintained and operated for the above-mentioned purpose on Jamaica and another on Grand Cayman Island, and that this project should be carried out in cooperation with the British authorities concerned in accordance with the following principles:

(1) Cooperating Agencies

The agencies which shall be responsible for the detailed execution of the project (hereinafter referred to as the Cooperating Agencies) shall be, 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, for the Government of the United Kingdom, the British Caribbean Meteorological Service located at Port-of-Spain, Trinidad, (hereinafter referred to as the British Caribbean Cooperating Agency).

(2) General Provisions

(a) The rawinsonde stations shall be established, maintained and operated at such exact locations on Jamaica and on Grand Cayman Island, and in such manner, as shall be agreed upon by the Cooperating Agencies;

(b) Rawinsonde observation reports shall be taken and transmitted by, and exchanged between, the Cooperating Agencies in such manner as shall be agreed upon by them.

(3) *Expenditure*

All expenditure incurred by the United States Cooperating Agency shall be paid directly by the Government of the United States of America and all expenditure incident to the obligations assumed by the British Caribbean Cooperating Agency shall be paid directly by the Government of Trinidad and Tobago acting on behalf of the Governments of the British Caribbean territories.

(4) *Customs Duties and other Taxes on Goods*

(a) All equipment, including automobiles, and supplies imported into Jamaica and into Grand Cayman Island by the United States Cooperating Agency for use in the cooperative project shall be admitted duty free:

(b) No import duties or other tax shall be charged on the personal belongings or household effects of the civilian employees of the United States being United States citizens employed in connection with either or both of the stations and present in the territories by reason only of such employment, provided that such belongings or effects accompany the owner or are imported either

(i) within a period beginning 60 days before and ending 120 days after the owner's arrival, or

(ii) within a period of six months immediately following his arrival.

(5) *Taxation*

(a) No national of the United States serving or employed on Jamaica or on Grand Cayman Island in connection with the establishment, maintenance or operation of the stations and residing on Jamaica or on Grand Cayman Island by reason only of such employment, or his wife or minor children, shall be liable to pay income tax in Jamaica or Grand Cayman Island except in respect of income derived from Jamaica or Grand Cayman Island;

(b) No such person shall be liable to pay in Jamaica or Grand Cayman Island any poll tax or similar tax on his person, or any tax on ownership or use of property situated outside Jamaica or Grand Cayman Island;

(c) No person ordinarily resident in the United States shall be liable to pay income tax in Jamaica or Grand Cayman Island in respect of any profits derived under a contract made in the United States with the Government of the United States of America in connection with the establishment, maintenance or operation of the stations or any tax in the nature of a license in respect of any service or work for the Government of the United States of America in connection with the establishment, maintenance or operation of the stations.

(6) *Memorandum of Arrangement*

The technical details of the project shall be arranged by the Cooperating Agencies and a Memorandum of Arrangement shall be agreed between them.

(7) Availability of Funds

Participation on the part of either Government in the proposed project shall be subject to the availability of funds appropriated by the legislative bodies of the Government of the United States of America and of the Governments of the British Caribbean territories.

If the foregoing proposal is acceptable to the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, I have the honor to suggest that the present note and Your Excellency's reply in concurrence should be regarded as constituting an agreement between the two Governments which shall enter into force on the date of your reply note and shall remain in force until the 30th of June, 1959; thereafter it may be prolonged for additional periods by notes to be exchanged for that purpose. It is understood that either Government may terminate the Agreement by giving 60 days' written notice to the other.

Accept, Excellency, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

For the Acting Secretary of State:

FREDERICK JANDREY.

No. 2

*Her Majesty's Ambassador at Washington to the United States Secretary
of State*

*British Embassy,
Washington, D.C.
December 30, 1958.*

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your Note of the 30th of December, 1958, which reads as follows:

[As in No. 1]

2. In reply I have the honour to confirm that the provisions set forth in the said Note are acceptable to the Government of the United Kingdom and that they agree with your proposal that your Note and the present reply shall constitute an agreement between the two Governments in this matter which shall enter into force on the date of this Note.

I avail myself of this opportunity to renew to you the assurance of my highest consideration.

HAROLD CACCIA.

*The United States Secretary of State to Her Majesty's Ambassador
at Washington*

*Department of State,
Washington*

Excellency:

February 15, 1960.

I have the honor to refer to the Agreement between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland relating to the establishment of Hurricane Research Stations on Jamaica and Grand Cayman Island, which was effected by an exchange of notes at Washington on December 30, 1958.

I now have the honor to propose that the above Agreement, subject to certain amendments, as indicated below, arising out of the constitutional changes in The West Indies, should be prolonged for the additional period of three years, namely until June 30, 1962. The proposed amendments are as follows:

(a) Introduction :

Substitute "The West Indies authorities" for "the British authorities";

(b) Paragraph (1) Cooperating Agencies :

Substitute "The West Indies Meteorological Service" for "the British Caribbean Meteorological Service" and "The West Indian Cooperating Agency" for "the British Caribbean Cooperating Agency";

(c) Paragraph (3) Expenditure :

Substitute the following paragraph:

"All expenditure incurred by the United States Cooperating Agency shall be paid directly by the Government of the United States of America and all expenditure incident to the obligations assumed by The West Indian Cooperating Agency shall be paid directly by the Government of The West Indies acting on behalf of the Governments of the federated territories, the Bahamas, British Guiana, British Honduras and the British Virgin Islands.";

(d) Paragraph (7) Availability of Funds :

Substitute "The West Indies, The Bahamas, British Guiana, British Honduras and the British Virgin Islands" for "the British Caribbean territories".

If the foregoing proposals are acceptable to the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, I have the honor to suggest that this note, together with your reply in that sense, should be regarded as constituting an agreement between the two Governments for the amendment and prolongation of the Agreement relating to the establishment of Hurricane Research Stations on Jamaica and Grand Cayman Island.

Accept, Excellency, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

For the Secretary of State,

THOMAS C. MANN.

No. 4

*Her Majesty's Ambassador at Washington to the United States
Secretary of State*

British Embassy,

Washington, D.C.

February 15, 1960.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your Note of the 15th of February, 1960, which reads as follows:

[As in No. 3]

2. In reply, I have the honour to inform you that the foregoing proposals are acceptable to the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, who therefore agree that your Note together with this reply shall be regarded as constituting an agreement between the two Governments in this matter.

I avail myself of this opportunity to renew to you, Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

HAROLD CACCIA.

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