

April 30, 1968

**EXCHANGE OF NOTES CONSTITUTING AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN
THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE REPUBLIC OF THE
PHILIPPINES CONCERNING RELINQUISHMENT OF CERTAIN
UNITED STATES BASE LANDS IN THE PHILIPPINES**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Relinquishment of US Military Base Lands Effected by exchange of notes Initialed at Manila, 30 April 1968; Entered into force 30 April 1968.

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The Embassy of the United States of America presents its compliments to the Department of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Philippines and has the honor to refer to the Military Bases Agreement of 1947, as amended,¹ and the Agreement of December 22, 1965,² between the United States and the Republic of the Philippines concerning relinquishment by the United States to the Republic of the Philippines of the use of certain base lands in the Philippines.

The Embassy has the further honor to propose that the United States Government relinquish to the Government of the Republic of the Philippines any and all rights to the use of the Bataan Pol Terminal at Kitang Point, Limay, Province of Bataan, as shown on Map -~~EE~~ 1 attached to the Agreement of December 22, 1965, and all improvements, equipment, and facilities thereon owned by the United States Government, in accordance with Article XVII of the Military Bases Agreement of 1947. The Agreement of December 22, 1965, specifically excluded the Bataan Pol Terminal.

The Embassy has the further honor to propose that the Government of the Republic of the Philippines will, beginning May 1, 1968, assume responsibility for the continuation of payment of rentals to the owners of property within the Terminal area under leases to which the United States Government is a party on the date of relinquishment until the Government of the Republic of the Philippines acquires rights to the use of this private property.

Finally, the Embassy has the honor to propose that the Government of the Republic of the Philippines will hold the United States Government harmless from any and all actions and claims arising from obligations undertaken in the aforementioned leases including any claims for restoration of privately owned property, which may arise upon termination of such leases and relinquishment of its present rights to the use of the Bataan Pol Terminal.

If the foregoing is acceptable to the Government of the Republic of the Philippines, the Embassy has the honor to propose that this note and the Department's reply indicating such acceptance shall constitute an