

February 17, 1953

**EXCHANGE OF NOTES CONSTITUTING AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN  
THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES AND THE UNITED STATES  
OF AMERICA RELATING TO THE ENLISTMENT OF PHILIPPINE  
CITIZENS IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY**

Note: The Agreement entered into force, December 13, 1952.

Reference: This Agreement is also published in 227 UNTS, p. 101.

**I**

**THE AMERICAN AMBASSADOR TO THE PHILIPPINE SECRETARY OF FOREIGN  
AFFAIRS**

**AMERICAN EMBASSY**

No. 569

Manila, November 18, 1952

Excellency :

I have the honor to refer to the Agreement Between the United States of America and the Republic of the Philippines Concerning Military Bases signed at Manila on March 14, 1947 and, in particular, to Article XXVII thereof which reads as follows:

"It is mutually agreed that the United States shall have the right to recruit citizens of the Philippines for voluntary enlistment into the United States armed forces for a fixed term of years and to train them and to exercise the same degree of control and discipline over them as is exercised in the case of other members of the United States armed forces. The number of such enlistments to be accepted by the armed forces of the United States may from time to time be limited by agreement between the two Governments."

My Government is desirous of accepting for voluntary enlistment in the United States Navy, for terms of either four (4) or six (6) years at the option of the applicant, not more than one thousand (1,000) male Philippine citizens per calendar year, eighteen (18) to thirty (30) years of age inclusive. Those accepted for enlistment will be available for assignment to duty throughout the naval establishment, both ashore and afloat.

I am authorized by my Government to state that an acknowledgment of the receipt of this note containing Your Excellency's assurances that the proposal mentioned herein is acceptable to Your Excellency's Government will be considered by my Government as constituting an agreement between our two Governments, which may be terminated by either party on one year's written notice, and which will permit acceptance for voluntary enlistment, as indicated above, of not more than one thousand male Philippine citizens per year in the United States Navy pursuant to Article XXVII of the Military Bases Agreement. I suggest that the operating details necessary to the government be arranged directly between the Commander, United States Naval Forces, Philippines, and the Philippine Department of National Defense.

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

**R. A. SPRUANCE**

His Excellency **JOAQUIN M. ELIZALDE**  
Secretary of Foreign Affairs  
Republic of the Philippines

**II**

**THE PHILIPPINE SECRETARY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS TO THE AMERICAN  
AMBASSADOR**

**REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES  
DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS**

Manila, December 13, 1952

Excellency:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of Your Excellency's Note No. 569, dated November 18, 1952, the text of which reads as follows:

In reply, I have the honor to inform you that, pursuant to Article XXVII of the Military Bases Agreement, my Government agrees that the United States Government may accept for voluntary enlistment in the United States Navy, for terms of either four (4) or six (6) years at the option of the applicant, not more than one thousand (1,000) male Filipino citizens per calendar year, eighteen (18) to thirty (30) years of age inclusive, subject to the condition that this agreement may be terminated by either party on one year's written notice to the other. It is the understanding of my Government that the termination of this Agreement at any time as herein provided will not prejudice the rights of qualified recruits to extend their enlistments or to reenlist for such period or periods as may be necessary to entitle them to retirement under existing United States Laws, if they elect to do so.

In accordance with the suggestion contained therein, Your Excellency's note and this reply will be regarded as an Agreement between our two Governments.

**AGREEMENT ON ENLISTMENT OF PHILIPPINE CITIZENS IN THE US NAVY  
WITH THE UNITED STATES**

**ACCEPT, EXCELLENCY, THE RENEWED ASSURANCES OF MY HIGHEST  
CONSIDERATION.**

**J. M. ELIZALDE**  
Secretary

His Excellency **RAYMOND A. SPRUANCE**  
Ambassador of the United States of America  
Manila

**III**

**THE AMERICAN AMBASSADOR TO THE PHILIPPINE SECRETARY OF FOREIGN  
AFFAIRS**