

**June 26, 1953**

**EXCHANGE OF NOTES CONSTITUTING AN AGREEMENT  
EXTENDING THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF  
THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES AND THE GOVERNMENT OF  
THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ON MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO  
THE PHILIPPINES**

Note: This Agreement entered into force, June 26, 1953.

Reference: This Agreement, is also published in II DFA TS No. 3, n, 1,  
and 213 UNTS, p. 77.

MANILA, June 26, 1953

EXCELLENCY:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Your Excellency's Note No. 1351 of June 26, 1953, reading as follows:

"I have the honor to refer to your Excellency's note of June 26, 1952 requesting an extension of the existing Military Assistance Agreement for five years and to the conversations which have recently taken place between our two Governments concerning the furnishing of military assistance by my Government to the Government of the Republic of the Philippines; the desire of our two Governments to foster international peace and security within the framework of the Charter of the United Nations through measures which will further the ability of nations dedicated to the purposes and principles of the Charter to develop effective measures for self-defense in support of those purposes and principles, and without prejudice to continued exertion of maximum efforts to obtain agreements to provide the United Nations with armed forces as provided by its Charter, and to obtain agreement among member nations upon universal regulation and reduction of armaments under adequate and dependable guarantee against violation or evasion; the recognition by our two Governments that measures to eliminate insecurity caused by fear of aggression will enhance the progress of economic development; and to confirm the understandings reached as a result of these conversations, as follows:

"(1) The Government of the United States will continue to make available to the Government of the Republic of the Philippines equipment, materials, services, or other assistance in accordance with such terms and conditions as may be agreed. The provision of such assistance shall be consistent with the Charter of the United Nations. Such assistance will be furnished under the provisions, and subject to all the terms and conditions contained in the Mutual Defense Assistance Act of 1949 and the Mutual Security Act of 1951, acts amendatory and supplementary thereto and appropriation acts thereunder. The two Governments will, from time to time, negotiate detailed arrangements necessary to carry out the provisions of this paragraph.

"(2) The Government of the Republic of the Philippines undertakes to make effective use of military assistance furnished to it under this Agreement or under the Military Assistance Agreement between our Governments signed March 21, 1947, as subsequently amended and supplemented, for the purpose for which such assistance was furnished, and will not, without prior consent of the Government of the United States, devote assistance so furnished to purposes other than those for which it has been or will be finished.

"(3) The two Governments will establish procedures under which equipment and materials furnished by the Government of the United States under this Agreement or under the Military Assistance Agreement between our two Governments signed March 21, 1947, as subsequently furnished under terms requiring reimbursement, and no longer required for the purpose for which originally made available, will be offered for return to the Government of the United States for appropriate disposition, without cost to the United States Government delivery to be at a place within the territory of the Republic of the Philippines designated by the United States Government.

"(4) The Government of the Republic of the Philippines will not transfer to any person not an officer or agent of that Government, or to any other nation, title to or possession of any equipment, materials, information, or services received under this Agreement or under the Military Assistance Agreement between our Governments signed March 21, 1947, as subsequently amended and supplemented, without the prior consent of the Government of the United States of America.

"(5) Each Government will take such security measures as may be agreed in each case between the two Governments in order to prevent the disclosure or compromise of classified military articles, services, or information furnished pursuant to this Agreement.

"(6) The Government of the Republic of the Philippines will, except as otherwise agreed to, grant duty-free treatment upon importation or exportation and exemption from any internal or exchange taxes to products, property, materials or equipment imported into its territory pursuant to this Agreement. The Government of the Republic of the Philippines will, in accordance with mutually satisfactory procedures, accord relief from all Philippine taxes and duties on any United States expenditures in the Philippines, for the common defense, including any foreign aid program of the United States.

"(7) The Government of the Republic of the Philippines will receive and the Government of the United States will furnish United States military personnel to assist and advise the Government of the Republic of the Philippines on Army, Navy, and Air Force matters, and to discharge the responsibilities of the Government of the United States under this Agreement. Such personnel, including personnel temporarily assigned, will operate as part of the Embassy of the United States, under the direction and control of the Chief of the Diplomatic Mission, and will be accorded the privileges and immunities applicable to accredited Embassy personnel of equivalent rank. Such personnel shall be accorded facilities