

January 03, 1948

**EXCHANGE OF NOTES CONSTITUTING AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN  
THE PHILIPPINES AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
RELATING TO THE TRANSFER BY THE GOVERNMENT OF THE  
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE GOVERNMENT OF THE  
PHILIPPINES OF CORREGIDOR ISLAND (FORT MILLS) AND  
PETTIT BARRACKS. MANILA, JANUARY 2 AND 3, 1948.**

Note: The Agreement entered into force, January 3, 1948.

Reference: This Agreement is also published in 185 UNTS, p. 370; 3 UST,  
p. 480 and TIAS 2406

**I**

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

**EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

No. 597

January 2, 1948

Excellency:

With reference of the transfer to the Government of the Republic of the Philippines by exchange of notes of October 12, 1947 of all right and title to, and possession of, the United States military reservation known as Corregidor Island (Fort Mills) and Pettit Barracks, I have the honor to inform Your Excellency that I have been authorized to state the understanding of my Government that, with respect to the Corregidor military reservation, the said transfer is considered to have included the islands of Caballo (Fort Hughes), La Monja, El Fraile (Fort Drum), Santa Amalia, Carabao (Fort Frank), and Limbones as well as all detached rocks surrounding Corregidor and the islands named.

In stating this understanding, I am instructed particularly to recall the following paragraphs of my note No. 115, of October 12, 1947, and to request expression of the acceptance by Your Excellency's Government of the stipulations thereof as applying equally to Caballo, La Monja, El Fraile, Santa Amalia, Carabao and Limbones islands and the surrounding detached rocks referred to:

"As a consideration of the transfer of the aforementioned property, the United States requests that the Republic of the Philippines remise, release, forever discharge and agree by specific undertaking to hold harmless and free the United States of America, its agents, and its nationals from any and all manner of liability, actions, and claims against them which the Republic of the Philippines or any real or artificial person therein may ever have for any cause arising directly or indirectly out of the ownership or occupancy by the United States of America of Corregidor Island and Pettit Barracks.