

**October 14, 1947**

**EXCHANGE OF NOTES CONSTITUTING AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN  
THE PHILIPPINES AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
IMPLEMENTING THE AGREEMENT OF 14 MARCH 1947  
CONCERNING MILITARY BASES**

Note: This Agreement entered into force on October 14, 1947.

Reference: This Agreement is also published in 185 UNTS, p. 348. 3 UST, p. 466 and TIAS 2406.

**I**

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

**EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

October 3, 1947

No. 88

Excellency:

I have the honor to inform Your Excellency that the Commanding Officer of the Clark Field Military Reservation has found that it would facilitate the operation of the base, and be a convenience to the personnel stationed therein, if he could authorize the establishment, within the base, of a branch of an American bank designated as a United States Government depository. I am informed that after consultations between the Secretary of Finance of Your Excellency's Government and officers of the National City Bank of New York agreement has been reached as to the organization and operation of such a branch bank should its establishment be approved by the Governments of the United States and of the Philippines, and I have been authorized by my Government to propose to Your Excellency an agreement, under the provisions of Article XIX of the Agreement Concerning Military Bases of March 14, 1947, to authorize the establishment within the Clark Field Military Reservation of a sub-branch of the Manila Branch of the National City Bank of New York.

My Government's authorization is based on its understanding that the proposed institution will be a sub-branch of the Manila branch; that its operations will be controlled by and accounted for to the Manila branch; that its books will be kept at the Manila branch where they will be subject to inspection by the competent authorities of the Philippine Government; that checks drawn against deposits in the sub-branch will be subject to stamp tax at the same rate as that applying to checks against deposits in the Manila Branch; that inspectors of the Philippine Government, when required to do so in the performance of their official duties, will be permitted to enter the base in order to visit the sub-branch; and that the facilities of the sub-branch will be made available only to the Government

of the United States, its agencies and officers and employees, to members of the armed forces of the United States, and to other persons or organizations authorized under applicable provisions of the Agreement Concerning Military Bases to reside or transact business within a United States Military Base.

If the foregoing proposal should meet with Your Excellency's approval, I have the honor to suggest that this note and Your Excellency's affirmative reply be considered as constituting an agreement, as contemplated in Article XIX of the Agreement Concerning Military Bases. Accept, Excellency, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

**EMMET O'NEAL**

His Excellency **ELPIDIO  
QUIRINO**  
Secretary of Foreign Affairs for  
the  
Republic of the Philippines

**II**

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

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

Manila, October 14, 1947

Excellency:

I have the honor to inform that as proposed in Your Excellency's letter of October 3, 1947, my Government approves the establishment of a sub-branch of the Manila Branch of the National City Bank of New York within the Clark Field Military Reservation subject to the following terms and conditions, to wit:

1. That the proposed institution will be a sub-branch of the Manila Branch of the National City Bank of New York;
2. That its operations will be controlled by and accounted for in the Manila Branch;
3. That its books of accounts, records and other documents will be kept at the Manila Branch where they will be subject to inspection by competent authorities of the Philippine Government;
4. That checks drawn against deposits in the sub-branch will be subject to documentary stamp tax at the same rate as that applying to checks against deposits in the Manila Branch and that it shall pay such other taxes as are required by law; and,

5. That inspectors of the Philippine Government, when required to do so in the performance of their official duties, will be permitted to enter the said base and look into the operations of the sub-branch.

It is my Government's understanding that this authorization is being granted pursuant to Article XIX of the Agreement Concerning Military Bases of March 14, 1947, subject, of course, to the terms and conditions hereinabove prescribed. Article XVIII, therefore, of the said Agreement cannot, in this particular case, be considered to apply insofar as it may be construed to grant to the proposed sub-branch immunity from such inspection by competent authorities of my Government as is now agreed upon and herein prescribed.

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

**ELPIDIO QUIRINO**

His Excellency **EMMET O'NEAL**  
United States Ambassador  
Manila

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 the Mariveles Quarantine Reservation (Station). Manila, 18 and 19 December 1947.

Registered by the United States of America on 1 February 1954.

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

**EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

No. 526

December 18, 1947

Excellency:

I have the honor to refer to the Act of Congress of the United States of America approved March 24, 1934, more commonly referred to as the Philippine Independence Act; to the Joint Resolution of the Congress of the United States of America, approved June 29, 1944 (Public Law No. 380, 78th Congress), which authorized the President of the United States to withhold or to acquire or to retain such bases as he might deem necessary for the mutual protection of the United States of America and of the Philippines; to the Joint Resolution No. 4 of the Congress of the Philippines, approved July 28, 1945, which authorized the President of the Philippines to enter into negotiations for the establishment of such