

MILITARY AIR TRANSIT

Exchange of notes at Guatemala December 20, 1949

Entered into force December 20, 1949

64 Stat. (3) B122; Treaties and Other
International Acts Series 2042

The American Chargé d'Affaires ad interim to the Minister of Foreign Affairs

EMBASSY OF THE UNITED
STATES OF AMERICA
Guatemala, December 20, 1949

No. 165

EXCELLENCY:

I have the honor to refer to the Embassy's Note no. 128 of September 20 [30], 1949 and the Ministry's Note no. 17843 of November 22, 1949, with regard to the inactivation of the United States Air Force base at Guatemala City and the desirability of effecting an exchange of notes between the Government of the United States and the Government of Guatemala to enable the free movement of the military aircraft of each country into and through the airspace of the other country. The principal use by the United States of such an arrangement would be to facilitate the flight of United States military aircraft between the continental United States and the Panama Canal Zone.

I have the honor to advise Your Excellency that my Government agrees that the following arrangements be formalized by this exchange of notes:

(I) Definition: The right of military air transit and technical stop is the right to operate military aircraft into, over and away from the sovereign territory of a nation and to land at one or more specified airfields or seaplane landing areas therein only to refuel, effect repairs and/or avoid unfavorable weather conditions. Military aircraft of the United States are aircraft of the Air Force, Army, Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard. Military aircraft of Guatemala are aircraft of the Air Force and Army.

(II) The Government of the United States of America grants to the military aircraft of the Government of Guatemala the right of air transit and technical stop as defined in (I) above over the following routes, subject to the regulations and provisions set forth herein: