

## DEFENSE BASE AT SALINAS

*Agreement signed at Quito January 24, 1942*

*Entered into force January 24, 1942*

*Modified and amplified by agreements of February 20, 1942,<sup>1</sup> and  
October 1, 1942<sup>2</sup>*

1942 For. Rel. (VI) 366

Duly empowered by Colonel Carlos A. Guerrero, Minister for the National Defense of Ecuador, and by the Commanding General of the Caribbean Defense Command of the United States of America respectively, Colonel Alberto Carlos Romero, Superior Commander of the Army of Ecuador, and Brigadier General Edwin B. Lyon, United States Army, met and agreed on the following clauses which, to be of force, must be previously approved and ratified by the governments of Ecuador and the United States of America,

1. The governments of the United States of America and Ecuador have, through their diplomatic representatives, reached an agreement of Cooperation by both the countries for the defense of the continent.

2. To this effect, Colonel Alberto Carlos Romero empowers the Commanding General of the Caribbean Defense Command to occupy the fields of the district Salinas, belonging to the jurisdiction of the same name, in order to build on them landing fields, headquarters, storage for fuel, warehouses, quays for shipping, etc. and to use them for military, naval and aerial purposes; as well as to install in the waters of the same territorial section buoys and to use them for landing of airplanes and anchorage of all kinds of vessels, etc.

3. He also allows him to complete, within the same zone, radio installations, submarine cables, etc., and to use them for military purposes.

4. The boundaries of the fields and water areas where the above mentioned constructions and installations will be effected, are fixed in the adjoining sketch and plan.<sup>3</sup>

5. He also allows the Commanding General of the Caribbean Defense Command to organize an American police for internal service during the

<sup>1</sup> *Post*, p. 366.

<sup>2</sup> *Post*, p. 379.

<sup>3</sup> Not printed. For an amendment to art. 4, see agreement of Oct. 1, 1942, *post*, p. 379.