

INTER-AMERICAN HIGHWAY

*Exchange of notes at Guatemala May 18, 1948, amending agreement of
May 19, 1943
Entered into force May 18, 1948*

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The American Ambassador to the Minister of Foreign Affairs

No. 65

GUATEMALA, May 18, 1948

EXCELLENCY:

I have the honor to refer to the agreement effected by an exchange of notes on May 19, 1943¹ concerning cooperation between the United States and Guatemala in the improvement of the Inter-American Highway in Guatemala pursuant to Public Law No. 375 of the United States of America, approved December 26, 1941,² and subject to the appropriation of the necessary funds by the Congress of the United States of America.

The Congress of the United States of America in an act, approved May 3, 1945,³ appropriated for the Inter-American Highway \$1,000,000 of the \$20,000,000 authorized by the act of December 26, 1941 (Public Law No. 375). This appropriation, however, was made subject to the condition imposed by the following proviso:

“Provided, That no part of the appropriation made in this paragraph for use in any cooperating country shall be available for obligation or expenditure unless said cooperating country executes a written agreement that it will impose no restrictions on the use of the highway, nor levy directly or indirectly any tax or charge for such use, by traffic or vehicles from any other country that do not apply with equal force to the like use of the highway by traffic or vehicles of the cooperating country.”

In view of the intention of the Federal Works Agency of the United States of America to allot the above-mentioned appropriation of \$1,000,000 for expenditure in Guatemala, my Government proposes that, as a supplementary agreement to the agreement effected by an exchange of notes on May 19, 1943, the Government of Guatemala will, in accordance with the proviso of

¹ EAS 345, *ante*, p. 545.

² 55 Stat. 860.

³ 59 Stat. 117.