

## PLANTATION RUBBER INVESTIGATIONS

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### COOPERATION AGREEMENT FOR PLANTATION RUBBER INVESTIGATIONS IN HONDURAS

THIS COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT made and entered into this 28th day of February, one thousand nine hundred and forty-one, by and between the Ministerio de Fomento, Agricultura y Trabajo of the Republic of Honduras and the United States of America, by the Acting Secretary of the Department of Agriculture of the said United States.

#### WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the establishment of a rubber plantation industry in the Western Hemisphere is recognized as mutually advantageous to all countries therein, and

WHEREAS, it is the interest and desire of the parties to this agreement that a source of crude rubber be developed in Honduras, and whereas, it is recognized by both parties that such development must be based on the use of superior strains of rubber-producing trees if the industry is to be self-sustaining in competition with oriental areas; that such strains must possess superiority, not only in yield but also in resistance to the South American leaf disease; that in view of the past efforts and progress achieved in promoting new agricultural enterprises by the Ministerio de Fomento, Agricultura y Trabajo, it is the desire of the parties to this agreement to cooperate by conducting investigational work on the methods of growing rubber, the production of valuable strains of rubber, disease control, possible use of intercrops, and other problems involved in the successful establishment of commercial rubber culture, for the benefit of the people of Honduras and of the United States of America.

NOW, THEREFORE, the parties to this agreement do hereby separately outline their interests in this cooperative project, and designate the facilities, services, and other contributions which they agree to make available toward achievement of their mutual objective.

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<sup>1</sup> EAS 358, *post*, p. 948.