

FOOD PRODUCTION

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

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EXCELLENCY:

Pursuant to conversations and communications between representatives of our respective Governments, I have the honor to inform Your Excellency that the Government of the United States is prepared to cooperate with the Government of Panama in a joint undertaking to assist your Government in attaining its objectives in increasing food production.

My Government understands that it is the desire of the Government of Panama to stimulate production of agricultural and livestock products. In this connection the Government of the United States, acting through the Institute of Inter-American Affairs, a corporation within the Office of the Coordinator of Inter-American Affairs, will maintain in Panama, if it is agreeable to Your Excellency, a small group of technicians in such number as the Institute of Inter-American Affairs deems appropriate to develop a specific program in cooperation with Your Excellency's Government. The group of technicians will be under the immediate supervision of the Director of the field party of the Food Supply Division of the Institute of Inter-American Affairs and will work in the closest cooperation with the appropriate Panamanian officials. The salaries and expenses of the group of technicians will be paid for by the Institute.

The Government of the United States will also cooperate with Your Excellency's Government in procuring seeds, fertilizers, insecticides, agricultural tools and equipment and other facilities necessary for the accomplishment of the undertaking. The expenditures to be made by the United States in render-

¹ Date of termination agreement signed by a representative of the Institute of Inter-American Affairs and the Panamanian Minister of Agriculture and Commerce.