

## LEASE OF DEFENSE SITES

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February 16 and 19, 1948<sup>1</sup>*

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### AGREEMENT FOR THE LEASE OF DEFENSE SITES IN THE REPUBLIC OF PANAMA

The undersigned, Octavio Fábrega, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Panamá, and Edwin C. Wilson, Ambassador of the United States of America, acting on behalf of our respective Governments, for which we are duly and legally authorized, have concluded the following Agreement:

The Governments of the Republic of Panamá and of the United States of America, conscious of their joint obligation, as expressed in the provisions of the General Treaty of Friendship and Cooperation, concluded March 2, 1936,<sup>2</sup> to take all measures required for the effective protection of the Panama Canal in which they are jointly and vitally interested, have consulted together and have agreed as follows:

#### ARTICLE I

The Republic of Panamá grants to the United States the temporary use for defense purposes of the lands referred to in the Memorandum <sup>1</sup> attached to this Agreement and forming an integral part thereof. These lands shall be evacuated and the use thereof by the United States of America shall terminate one year after the date on which the definitive treaty of peace which brings about the end of the present war shall have entered into effect. If within that period the two Governments believe that, in spite of the cessation of hostilities, a state of international insecurity continues to exist which makes vitally necessary the continuation of the use of any of the said defense bases or areas, the two Governments shall again enter into mutual consulta-

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<sup>1</sup> Not printed.

<sup>2</sup> TS 945, *ante*, p. 742.