

PLANTATION RUBBER INVESTIGATIONS

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SUPPLEMENTARY MEMORANDUM TO THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE SECRETARÍA DE AGRICULTURA Y FOMENTO OF THE UNITED MEXICAN STATES AND THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

1. Under the terms of the existing Memorandum of Agreement between the Secretaría de Agricultura y Fomento, Mexico, and the Department of Agriculture, United States of America, dated April 11, 1941,¹ more than a million locally produced and imported seeds of *Hevea brasiliensis* and several thousand imported trees budded to high-yielding clones of *Hevea* have been planted in nurseries of the central rubber experiment station, El Palmar, Veracruz, established in 1941 for rubber plant research and practical development of a *Hevea* rubber plantation industry in Mexico. It is estimated that during the next twelve months about a quarter of a million trees budded to the improved clones of *Hevea* will be available at El Palmar. The project has been notably successful to the present date and with a rapidly expanding volume of valuable plant material it is necessary to make definite plans for the best use of the plant material and of the experience that has been gained, in order to further insure achievement of a self-sustaining commercial rubber industry.

2. The time has now arrived for taking the second essential step toward development of the industry, namely the establishing of government demonstration plantations to serve as proving grounds for the trees and plantation procedure and as augmented sources of improved budded trees for small farms and other commercial operations.

3. Accordingly, as soon as practicable the Mexican government will acquire five tracts of suitable land on which the best growth of *Hevea* may be expected, each tract containing not less than 300 hectares, for the purpose of developing demonstration plantations. The lands will be selected by a

¹ EAS 364, *ante*, p. 1052.