

## PLANTATION RUBBER INVESTIGATIONS

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### SUPPLEMENTAL MEMORANDUM TO THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE SECRETARIA DE AGRICULTURA Y FOMENTO OF THE UNITED MEXICAN STATES AND THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Under the terms of the existing agreement between the Secretaría de Agricultura y Fomento, Mexico and the Department of Agriculture, United States of America, dated April 11, 1941,<sup>1</sup> and in accordance with agreements supplemental thereto, the Governments of the United Mexican States and of the United States of America have established a program of rubber plant research and government demonstration plantations for the development of a Hevea rubber plantation industry in Mexico, and have initiated also a co-operative experimental program on *Cryptostegia*.

During 1942 the United States Department of Agriculture has greatly expanded its program of investigations of guayule and has undertaken an extensive program of guayule production. In cooperation with the Secretaría de Agricultura y Fomento of the United Mexican States a few indicator plantings have been established in Mexico. As a consequence of work conducted during the past year the United States Department of Agriculture now has a sufficient supply of guayule seed of high rubber-yielding strains to permit a limited expansion of its guayule program.

To implement the desire of the Governments of the United Mexican States and the United States of America to develop a source of crude rubber, it is the mutual wish of the Secretaría de Agricultura y Fomento of the United Mexican States and of the United States Department of Agriculture to co-operate in undertaking the investigations necessary to determine the suitability of areas in Mexico for the cultivation of guayule, and through assistance to private cooperators in establishing plantings of guayule for the production of rubber.

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<sup>1</sup> EAS 364, *ante*, p. 1052.