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Tel Aviv, April 29, 1968

No. 70

Excellency,

I have the honor to inform Your Excellency that my Government has noted with interest and appreciation the steps which have been taken by the Government of Israel, as part of its continuing program for the expansion and development of meteorological services in Israel, to establish a rawinsonde observation station in its territory.

In addition to its national value, this extension of the meteorological network in Israel represents a significant contribution to that further development of the global upper air observational network which is a major objective of the World Weather Watch program of the World Meteorological Organization.

As part of this World Weather Watch program, the Government of the United States of America is responsible for the operation, near Washington, D. C., of one of the three World Meteorological Centers provided in the program, to collect global data and disseminate resultant processed products for the use of all countries. My Government, therefore, has a special interest in network improvements in the Northern Hemisphere, such as that recently effected

His Excellency

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By Your Excellency's Government, and is desirous of assisting insofar as practicable, through appropriate bilateral agreements for meteorological cooperation, in the establishment of arrangements which will tend to ensure uninterrupted operation of new facilities and global or hemispherical standardization and coordination in such operation.

If the Government of Israel considers that some measure of technical support from my Government would be helpful in achieving these objectives in respect of its rawinsonde station at Bet Dagan, I have the honor to propose the establishment of a program for cooperation between our two Governments on the following terms:

1. Purpose. The purpose of the program shall be the facilitation of the operation and maintenance of a rawinsonde observation station at Bet Dagan, Israel, and the international dissemination of reports of the observations from this station, through cooperation between the designated cooperating agencies of the two Governments.
2. Cooperating Agencies. The cooperating agencies shall be (1) for the Government of the United States of America, the Environmental Science Services Administration, Department of Commerce, hereinafter referred to as the United States Cooperating Agency, and (2) for the Government of Israel, the Israel Meteorological Service Ministry of Transport and Communications, hereinafter referred to as the Israel Cooperating Agency.

3. Title to Property. Title to all real property and any improvements thereto, furnished, acquired, or constructed for the purpose of conducting the program covered by this agreement shall be vested in the Israel Cooperating Agency. Title to any item of equipment or other item of personal property shall remain vested, unless otherwise agreed between the two Cooperating Agencies in a specific case, in the Cooperating Agency which supplied, or provided funds for the supply of, the item.

4. Expenditures. All expenditures incident to the obligations assumed by the United States Cooperating Agency shall be paid by the Government of the United States of America, and all expenditures incident to the obligations assumed by the Israel Cooperating Agency shall be paid by the Government of Israel.

5. Exemption from Duties and Taxes. All supplies and equipment, including motor vehicles, furnished by the United States Cooperating Agency and imported into Israel for use in the cooperative program shall be admitted free of taxes, customs and import duties, and other charges.

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for rawinsonde observations, in accordance with the provisions of the Radio Regulations annexed to the International Telecommunication Convention.

7. Appropriation of Funds. To the extent that the carrying out of any provisions of this agreement will depend on funds appropriated by the Congress of the United States of America, it shall be subject to the availability of such funds.

8. Memorandum of Arrangement. A Memorandum of Arrangement, specifying further details of the cooperative program to be operated under the agreement, shall be agreed by the two Cooperating Agencies and may be amended at any time by further agreement between them.

9. Term. This agreement shall enter into force with retroactive effect as from January 1, 1968, and shall remain in force until terminated by mutual agreement or until sixty days after either Government has given notice in writing to the other Government of its intention to terminate the Agreement.

If the above proposal meets with the approval of the Government of Israel, I have the honor to propose that this note and Your Excellency's reply to that effect shall together constitute an agreement between our two Governments concerning this matter

I avail myself of this opportunity to renew to Your Excellency the assurances of my highest and most distinguished consideration.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'M. B. ...', is written in the center of the page.

Jerusalem, 22 May 1968

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I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Note No. 70 of 29 April, which reads as follows:

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I have the honor, in reply, to state that the foregoing proposals are acceptable to the Government of Israel and that your Note and the present reply shall constitute an agreement between the two Governments.

I avail myself of this opportunity to renew to Your Excellency, the assurances of my highest and most distinguished consideration.