

HEALTH AND SANITATION PROGRAM

Exchange of notes at Washington May 9 and 11, 1942

Entered into force May 11, 1942

Supplemented and extended by agreements of March 2 and April 3, 1944;¹ June 18 and 25, 1947;² October 4 and 18, 1949;³ June 28, 1948, and May 22, 1950;⁴ September 22 and 25, 1950;⁵ and February 23 and March 22, 1955⁶

Supplemented by agreements of April 16 and 19, 1947,⁷ and January 30, 1952, and April 9, 1953⁸

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*The Under Secretary of State to the Peruvian Minister of Finance
and Commerce*

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

WASHINGTON

May 9, 1942

MY DEAR MR. MINISTER:

I refer to the notes exchanged between the Governments of the United States and Peru on April 23, 1942⁹ on rubber development in the Peruvian Amazon in which rubber development is to be carried forward. If it is the desire of the Government of Peru to carry out health and sanitation work in connection with the production of rubber in this area, the Office of the Coordinator of Inter-American Affairs is prepared to send at once to Peru, on your request, in cooperation with the appropriate officials of the Peruvian Government and its health services such experts as your Government desires

¹ TIAS 1578, *post*, p. 1171.

² TIAS 1673, *post*, p. 1256.

³ TIAS 2102, *post*, p. 1301.

⁴ 1 UST 566; TIAS 2101.

⁵ 1 UST 841; TIAS 2162.

⁶ 6 UST 3726; TIAS 3371.

⁷ TIAS 1630, *post*, p. 1251.

⁸ 4 UST 2907; TIAS 2894.

⁹ Not printed; for a memorandum of agreement signed at Washington Apr. 21, 1942 (TIAS 1866), see *ante*, p. 1134.

in order to collaborate in developing and executing a specific health and sanitation program. This program would be initially designed for the Amazon Basin area for the special purpose of aiding in the stimulation of rubber production, but at the desire of the Government of Peru could be extended to other areas.

For these purposes this Government, through the agency of the Coordinator of Inter-American Affairs, will provide an amount not to exceed \$1,000,000 to be expended toward the development of this health and sanitation program.

It is understood that the Government of Peru will furnish such expert personnel, materials, services, and funds for local expenditures as it may be able to or consider necessary for the efficient development of the program.

The group of United States medical and sanitation experts which the Peruvian Government requests to be sent by the Office of the Coordinator of Inter-American Affairs shall be under the direction of the chief medical officer of the health and sanitation field party of the Coordinator's Office, who, in turn, will be under the supervision of the appropriate officials of the Peruvian Government.

Detailed arrangements for the execution of each project shall be discussed and agreed to between the chief medical officer and the appropriately designated official of the Peruvian Government. Technical advice and expert assistance of the United States medical and sanitation specialists will be made available to the appropriate Peruvian authorities at any time that the need for consultation arises.

I understand that the Government of Peru would be particularly interested in continuing and expanding the measures and services which the health and sanitation agencies of the Government of Peru have been carrying out in the areas in question. These measures and services may be included under the following general headings:

1. Malaria control.
2. Yellow fever control.
3. General disease control by hospitals, clinics, and public education.
4. Water-supply systems.
5. Sewage systems.
6. Garbage and rubbish disposal.

It is contemplated that projects to be executed will be planned in conformity with availability of materials and that no projects will be initiated without reasonable expectation that they can be successfully completed in sufficient time to assist in the development of rubber production in the Amazon area.

All projects completed in accordance with the present arrangement will of course be the property of the Government of Peru.

I would appreciate it if you could confirm to me your approval of this general proposal, with the understanding that the details of the program will be the subject of further discussion and agreement.

Sincerely yours,

SUMNER WELLES
Under Secretary

His Excellency
DAVID DASSO,
Minister of Finance and Commerce of Peru.

*The Peruvian Minister of Finance and Commerce to the Under Secretary
of State*

PERUVIAN EMBASSY
WASHINGTON, D.C.

MAY 11, 1942

MY DEAR UNDER SECRETARY:

I take pleasure in acknowledging receipt of your note of May 9th outlining the program of health and sanitation work in connection with the production of rubber in the Peruvian Montaña. You state therein that your Government, through the Agency of the Coordinator of Inter-American Affairs, will provide an amount not to exceed \$1,000,000 to be expended in this work which would be carried out with the cooperation of my Government who in turn will furnish such expert personnel, materials, services and funds for local expenditure as may be necessary for the efficient development of the program.

I am in full agreement with what you state in your note and want now to express to you the formal acceptance of your offer of such a valuable help in carrying out this most important work. As soon as I arrive in Lima steps will be taken in order that the appropriate officials of the Peruvian Government get in touch with the Office of the Coordinator of Inter-American Affairs so that detailed arrangements can be made for the execution of this program and of each of the projects to be carried out under it.

Taking this as yet another proof of the extent of the cooperation which our two Governments are mutually desirous of extending ever further, allow me to express to you the assurances of my most distinguished consideration.

DAVID DASSO
Minister of Finance and Commerce

His Excellency
SUMNER WELLES,
*Under Secretary of State
of the United States of America*