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*The Vice Minister of Foreign Relations of Guatemala to the Chargé  
d'Affaires of Canada*

*(Translation)*

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Guatemala, November 8, 1972

SIR,

I have the honour to refer to your note number 68 E.41-3, dated November 3 of this year, by which, on behalf of your Government, you propose to the Government of Guatemala that an Agreement be concluded to permit amateur radio stations of Canada and Guatemala to exchange messages or other communications from or to third parties under the following conditions:

- (i) no compensation may be directly or indirectly paid on such messages or communications;
- (ii) such communications shall be limited to conversations or messages of a technical or personal nature for which, by reason of their unimportance, recourse to the public telecommunications service is not justified. To the extent that in the event of disaster, the public telecommunications service is not readily available for expeditious handling of communications relating directly to safety of life or property, such communications may be handled by amateur stations of the respective countries;
- (iii) this arrangement shall be applicable with respect to all amateur radio stations duly licensed by appropriate authorities of Canada or Guatemala;
- (iv) this arrangement shall also be subject to termination by either Government giving sixty days advance notice in writing.

In reply, I am pleased to inform you that the Government of Guatemala accepts all the terms of the proposal contained in the note to which I am replying. Therefore, said note and the present one constitute a formal agreement between our two Governments in this regard, which shall come into force thirty days from today, that is to say, on December 8 of the current year.

I take this opportunity to renew the assurances of my highest consideration.

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