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2	Sec. of War	2/15/46	Sec. of State	Letter re: return Salinas Air base and certain movable equipment to the Ecuadoran Govt.
3	Sec. of War	2/21/46	Sec. of State	Letter re: right of transit and technical stop to U.S. military aircraft at Salinas Ecuador, suggested provisions:
4	Sec. Army	24 Dec 48	Sec. of State	Re: Desirability of continued operation of Seymour Island Base by Govt. of Ecuador and its need for tug, water barge, and fuel barge in question.

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24 DEC 1948

The Honorable
The Secretary of State

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Dear Mr. Secretary:

I make reference to your letter of 22 November 1948 to Mr. Forrestal, and to his interim reply of 30 November.

As indicated in above referenced interim reply, the Secretary of Defense has requested me to take necessary action to reply to your letter of 22 November.

The Department of the Army is cognizant of the desirability of the continued operation of the Seymour Island Base by the Government of Ecuador and its need for this purpose of the tug, water barge, and fuel barge in question. However, the referenced equipment, with the exception of the tug, is urgently needed to meet Regular Army and Air Force requirements in the Panama Canal Zone and for transportation of aviation fuel from New Orleans to points on the Mississippi River and its tributaries. For your information, the tug and fuel barge arrived in the Canal Zone on 17 December, and the water barge is expected to arrive momentarily.

The fact that this equipment, with the exception of the tug, is being utilized by the Military Establishment rules out the possibility of furnishing it to the Government of Ecuador under the provisions of the Surplus Property Act. The tug, although not required for immediate use also comes within this category of equipment not surplus or excess to military requirements. The only means for providing assistance to Ecuador concerning this matter is under the provisions of Public Resolution 83, Act of June 15, 1940. Public Resolution 83 provides for the transfer or the procurement of equipment of this nature. However, the immediate and urgent requirements of the Departments of the Army and Air Force for the barges in question preclude their transfer to the Government of Ecuador on a reimbursable basis. In this respect, the Department of the Army has investigated the possibility of making available other type barges that might be used by the Government of Ecuador; however, no other suitable barge is available.

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The Department of the Army can make available for sale to the Government of Ecuador under Public Resolution 83 the tug, heretofore used at Seymour Island Base and now located in the Canal Zone. If it is the desire of Ecuador to request assistance in the procurement of barges, this Department can procure such barges under the authority granted by the President on 4 October 1948. Such purchase must be accomplished on a cash basis, payable in advance to the Department of the Army.

The following is an estimate of the present costs involved. Lead time for procurement of the barges is approximately 18 months.

TUG ST 843
 Current Procurement Cost \$475,200.00
 Delivery Cost 5,482.00
 Total Sale Cost . \$480,682.00

BARGE BW 477 (Water)
 Current Procurement Cost \$ 74,100.00
 Delivery Cost 5,482.00
 Total Sale Cost . \$ 79,582.00

BARGE BG 77 (Fuel)
 Current Procurement Cost \$ 30,000.00
 Delivery Cost 5,482.00
 Total Sale Cost . \$ 35,482.00

In view of the foregoing, I can only recommend that no further consideration be given to furnishing referenced barges to Ecuador. The tug in question can be made available as indicated above. If the Government of Ecuador desires to effect procurement of like barges, I suggest that you have a representative of Ecuador contact my Director of Logistics, Lt. General H. S. Aurand, who will make the necessary arrangements for such procurement.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) William H. Draper, Jr.

Acting Secretary of the Army

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21 FEB 1946

Mr. Spruille Braden
 Assistant Secretary of State
 Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Braden:

In reply to your letter of 11 February 1946 relative to the granting of rights of transit and technical stop to United States military aircraft at Salinas, Ecuador, I suggest that the note to be presented by your Department to the Ecuadoran Government incorporate provisions substantially as follows:

- a. A preamble outlining the purpose of the exchange of notes, i.e., to promote hemispheric solidarity and defense, and to further the "Act of Chapultepec."
- b. A general provision stating that the Government of Ecuador grants to the Government of the United States the long term rights to operate military aircraft into, over and away from the Republic of Ecuador and to land at Salinas Air Base and Seaplane Base and such other airfields as may be mutually agreed upon, to refuel, to effect repairs, or to avoid unfavorable weather conditions.
- c. Specific provisions providing for the United States to have the following attendant rights:
 - (1) To install, maintain, and operate such aids to navigation, communications, and weather reporting facilities as may be required, subject to mutual agreement.
 - (2) To operate seaplane tenders, as required in the exercise of the rights accorded, in territorial waters in the vicinity of specified seaplane landing areas, such operations to include use of anchorage facilities in those waters by such vessels, without restriction except as mutually agreed.
 - (3) To import, station, store in, or remove from Salinas and other airfields to be mutually agreed upon the minimum personnel, supplies, and material necessary for transit operations, free of customs, duties, taxes and imposts of any kind.
 - (4) Exemption of United States official personnel, aircraft, supplies and equipment in transit, from customs, duties, taxes, imposts, and inspections other than those required for quarantine or similar purposes.

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Mr. Spruille Braden ----

- (5) To contract with persons, companies, or government agencies for services and supplies locally required.

d. A statement to the effect that the United States Government hopes that the field will be maintained in an operational status.

e. A statement that Ecuadoran aircraft may utilize such airfields in the Continental United States and in United States possessions and territories as may be mutually agreed upon, subject to normal administrative and technical restrictions.

The above is generally in accordance with definitions of transit and technical stop indicated by the Joint Chiefs of Staff in SWNCC 38/30. It has been discussed informally with interested members of the Navy Department who have expressed their agreement.

As you know, I have designated Colonel Robert F. Tate of my Staff to consult with representatives of your Department on details pertaining to United States base rights. He is prepared to furnish any further details of information you may require in the conduct of negotiations with the Ecuadoran Government on the Salinas Air Base.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) ROBERT P. PATTERSON
Secretary of War

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The Honorable
The Secretary of State
Dear Mr. Secretary:

I have Mr. Braden's letter of 29 January 1946, which outlined the combination of agreements, understandings, and circumstances pertaining to this Government's commitments to return the Salinas Air Base and certain movable equipment to the Ecuadoran Government on 1 February 1946. Mr. Braden's resume is appreciated and will provide a helpful reference for our files.

The Joint Chiefs of Staff have stated their desires for long-term rights at the Salinas Air Base and it is recommended that your Department initiate negotiations for these rights at the earliest practicable date. The War Department would appreciate being kept informed of the status of these negotiations.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) ROBERT P. PATTERSON
Secretary of War.

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The Honorable

The Secretary of State

Dear Mr. Secretary:

Receipt of Mr. Braden's letter of 2 January 1946 with regard to the stationing of United States technical personnel at Salinas is acknowledged.

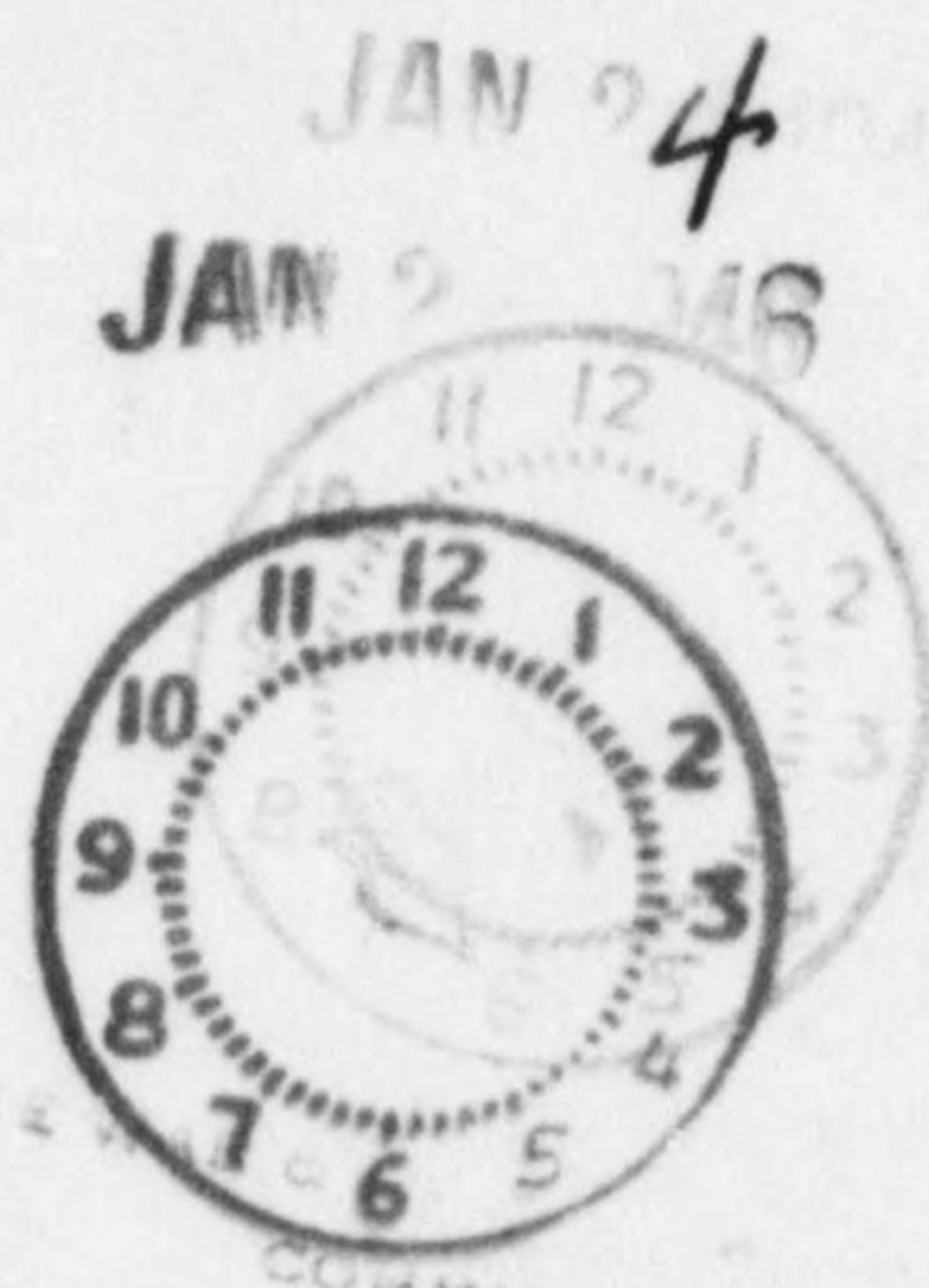
The War Department is taking steps to leave twenty men at the Salinas base after its turnover to the Ecuadoran Government for the purpose of training the Ecuadoran personnel in tower control, plane-ground communications, and operation and maintenance of radio aids. In view of the necessity of reducing personnel to a minimum throughout the Army, it is contemplated that the number of personnel remaining on these duties in Salinas will be gradually reduced as the training of the Ecuadorans progresses.

In view of the request of the Ecuadoran Government, the personnel will be attached to the Air Mission on temporary duty.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) KENNETH C. ROYALL

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Acting Secretary of War



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