

Lease to the United States of America by His Majesty's  
Government in the United Kingdom of certain areas of  
land and water in Trinidad.

His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom, being desirous at this time to execute in part the declarations made on its behalf by His Excellency The Right Honorable The Marquess of Lothian, C.H., British Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, in his communication of September 2, 1940, to the Government of the United States of America, a copy of which is hereto appended and made a part hereof, do by these presents to that end, make and execute the followings

His Majesty's Government hereby lease to the United States of America for the period of ninety-nine years from the date on which possession thereof shall be formally transferred, the following areas of land and water situated in Trinidad, British West Indies:

- (1) Beginning at the intersection of the shoreline west of St. Pierre with longitude sixty-one degrees, thirty-five minutes, fifty-seven seconds, west, proceed northerly approximately sixty-seven hundred feet along the ridge of the hill to the triangulation station marked elevation ten hundred twenty-four; thence due north twenty-eight hundred feet; thence due west approximately fifty-two hundred feet to the junction with the west side of the right-of-way of Tucker Valley Road; thence northerly approximately seven hundred feet along said right-of-way to the junction with the west side of the right-of-way of the branch road marked in yellow; thence northwesterly and westerly approximately eleven thousand two hundred feet along said right-of-way of said branch road, and of the bridle path extension thereof, to the end of said bridle path; thence northwest approximately fourteen hundred feet to the shoreline; thence along said shoreline, starting southwesterly, around Entrada Point and Point Delgada to a point on the shore one hundred feet southwest of the western end of Hart's Out; thence on a straight line through the triangulation station marked elevation four hundred sixty-two to the shoreline; thence around Point Gourde to the point of beginning; and, in addition thereto, Gasparillo Island and Five Islands; the several areas totaling approximately twelve square miles. Reference: Map of Trinidad and Tobago. Scale: 1-50,000, Sheet A.

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- (2) Beginning at the road junction approximately 2000 links east of the Guanapo River crossing of the eastern road (approximate coordinates: - 477,800 links east, 431,400 links north); thence generally north along boundary line of Guanapo Reserve approximately 7000 links to angle in boundary line; thence west about 4500 links to intersection with Guanapo River; thence generally north along Guanapo River to boundary of Guanapo Reserve; thence generally east along Guanapo Reserve boundary to point at 446,900 links north and 478,700 links east; thence east approximately 20,800 links; thence south approximately 9000 links to northwest corner of Guaioco - Valencia Reserve; thence southeast along Reserve boundary to coordinate line 430,000 links north; thence east along this line about 7500 links to intersection with road; thence southeast generally parallel with road between Valencia and Sangre-Grande Town to corner of Reserve; thence along Reserve boundary to point on boundary at 522,400 links east and 413,500 links north; thence southeast about 3500 links to point on Reserve boundary; thence generally south, west, and north along the Reserve boundary to point at about 489,000 links east and 411,250 links north; thence generally north across Aripo River to southwest corner of Cumuto Reserve; thence generally north along Reserve boundary to coordinate line 420,000 links north; thence west along this line about 10,000 links; thence north to point of beginning, the entire tract containing approximately eighteen square miles; provided, that the existing right-of-ways for the Eastern Main Road and the Trinidad Government Railway within the parcel shall be excluded. Reference: Map of Trinidad and Tobago. Scale: 1-50,000, Sheets B, C, and E.
- (3) Beginning at road crossing northeast of Longdenville at about 409,500 links east and 366,600 links north; thence north along road (exclusive) about 2000 links; thence east about 4500 links; thence south about 3000 links; thence east about 11,400 links to road; thence south along road (exclusive) about 4500 links to road junction; thence southeast along trail (exclusive) about 3900 links to stream line; thence southwest about 4500 links to Ravine Sable; thence generally west along Ravine Sable to crossing of improved road; thence northwest to road junction; thence generally north along road (exclusive) to point of beginning, the entire tract containing approximately two square miles. Reference: Map of Trinidad and Tobago. Scale: 1-50,000. Sheet D.
- (4) Beginning at point on road from Matura to Toco where Primera Pria River crosses it; thence generally northeast along the road (exclusive) to the Salibea River; thence generally south along the Salibea River to the shore of Saline Bay, thence along the shoreline of Saline Bay to the mouth of Primera Pria River; thence to point of beginning, the entire tract containing approximately ninety-six acres. Reference: Map of Trinidad and Tobago. Scale: 1-50,000. Sheet C.

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- (5) Twelve hundred feet of existing wharfage and two of the existing transit sheds on the water front at Port of Spain, Trinidad, reserving to His Majesty's Government the right to use the foregoing wharfage and sheds, when and as conditions permit.
  - (6) The anchorage waters in the Gulf of Paria lying north of the line (extended) of the present dredged channel to Port of Spain, and west of the longitude of Cumana Point shall be subject to the control of the United States of America, when and as notified to His Majesty's Government. These anchorage waters are designated as the "United States Fleet anchorage".
  - (7) The exact notes and bounds of the above described areas shall be established by survey.

The grant of the foregoing areas of land and water shall include the following:

(a) The right, power, and authority to use, fill, and occupy the waters adjacent to said areas and to improve and deepen the entrances thereto and the anchorages thereof and generally to do any and all things necessary to fit the premises for use as naval and air bases.

(b) Exclusive rights, power, authority and control within the aforesaid areas and within the territorial waters and air spaces adjacent to or in the vicinity of such areas except as hereinafter otherwise provided.

(c) The right, power, and authority to assume military control and conduct military operations within any part of Trinidad and surrounding waters and air space to the extent which may become necessary or convenient for the protection of the property, instrumentalities, and activities of the United States of America or otherwise to safeguard its national interests.

(d) The right, power, and authority to control the anchorage, moorings, movements, communications and operations of whatever character of all ships and water borne craft within the limits of the areas leased, the waters of "The United States Fleet Anchorage" and the territorial waters adjacent thereto or in the vicinity of such anchorages and areas to the extent that may be determined as necessary or convenient in the use, control and defense of such areas.

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(e) The right, power, and authority to control the anchorage, moorings, take-offs, flights, landing movements, and operation of all aircraft within the limits of the areas leased, and within the territorial waters and air spaces adjacent to or in the vicinity of such areas, to such extent as may be found necessary or convenient in the use, control, and defense of such areas.

(f) The right, power, and authority to regulate and control all internal and external communications of whatever nature from, to, and within the areas leased.

(g) The right, power, and authority to employ and use all commercial or public utilities, services and facilities, all roads, highways, bridges, viaducts, canals and similar channels of transportation to the same extent and under the same conditions as His Majesty's Government.

(h) The right, power, and authority to install, maintain and operate at such places and sites as may be necessary or convenient, either on land or in the sea area of "The United States Fleet Anchorage", breakwaters, underwater defenses, mines, nets, booms, sound detection and other similar devices, military police, armament, control stations, lights, warning and detecting devices and other similar facilities to the extent that may be found necessary or convenient in the use, control and protection of the areas leased.

(i) The right, power, and authority to acquire by supplementary lease from His Majesty's Government for the unexpired period of this lease, without consideration other than just compensation to private owners, if any, additional areas, sites, locations, and right-of-ways for auxiliary aircraft landing fields, roads, causeways, bridges, power lines, water mains, sewers and similar facilities to such extent as may be found necessary or convenient for the establishment, maintenance, use and protection of naval and air bases in the aforesaid leased areas.

N (j) The right, power, and authority, without consideration other than just compensation to private owners, if any, to enter upon any property in

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continuous use of the wharfrage leased to the United States of America. Upon the completion of such wharfrage and sheds the United States of America will surrender the wharfrage and sheds granted it in this lease.

IN (p) The right to procure, under the same terms and conditions as His Majesty's Government, asphalt from the "Pitch Lake" at La Brea for use in construction of naval and army bases in Trinidad.

(q) Except as herein otherwise provided, the right, power, and authority to use all public lands, areas, sites, forts, docks, piers, quays, berths, shops, repair facilities, arsenals, magazines, and hospitals to the extent which may become necessary or convenient for the protection of the property, instrumentalities, and activities of the United States, or otherwise to safeguard its national interests without compensation other than reimbursement of any additional cost directly resulting from such use.

(r) The privilege of importing free from all dues, imposts, excises, tolls, customs, levies, or assessments of any nature whatever, all ships, boats, aircraft, arms, machinery, supplies, materials, equipment, clothing, household furnishings, provisions, goods, wares, merchandise and articles similar to the aforesaid, consigned to or destined for any activity of the United States of America, its military, naval, or civil personnel and their families, contractors and their families, subject to the condition that articles so imported shall not be further sold or transferred to other interests in Trinidad.

(s) The United States of America agrees that it will permit the present residents of the proposed naval base site who are now engaged in the occupation of fishing to continue in that occupation subject to such reasonable control as may be prescribed by appropriate United States military or naval authority.

(t) The United States of America agrees that the citizens of Trinidad who may be permitted by the United States to reside in, to be employed or otherwise granted privileges of using facilities within a leased area, will be permitted appropriate means of access thereto.

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(a) The right, power, and authority to remove all improvements placed upon the leased areas at any time before the expiration or termination of this lease or of any renewal thereof or within a reasonable time thereafter.

The United States of America agrees subject to such conditions as may be consistent with military necessity, that, within the limits of "The United States Fleet Anchorage", there will be accorded the authorities of His Majesty's Government unimpeded rights of operating the bauxite handling plant, the proposed location of which is on the western side of Point Gourde, and the quarantine station on Five Islands.

The United States of America shall be under no obligation to improve the leased areas in whole or in part for use as naval or air bases, nor to exercise any right, power, or authority herein granted; and if it shall make such improvements or exercise any such right, power, or authority it shall, nevertheless, have the privilege of abandoning any part or all of the foregoing at any time without consent of His Majesty's Government and without incurring any obligation by reason of such abandonment.

The United States of America shall be under no obligation or responsibility for the civil administration or defense of Trinidad or any part thereof, or for the maintenance of military or naval forces within or without the leased areas.

Crimes and misdemeanors committed within the leased areas during the occupation and use thereof by the United States of America shall be punishable either by the United States or the colonial authorities in accordance with their respective laws, dependent upon which shall first acquire jurisdiction of the person of the offender; except that either government may on request deliver the offender to the other for trial; that in all cases the colonial government shall bring to trial all offenders turned over to it by the United States upon request of the colonial authorities or otherwise, and that all offenders in the service of the United States, civil or military, shall on demand be apprehended and delivered to the government of the United States for trial whether or not the offense with which charged was committed

within or without the leased areas; provided, that the colonial authorities shall not arrest any person or serve any process, civil or criminal, within the leased areas except upon application previously made to the commanding officer and approved by him: Provided further, that colonial laws of a regulatory nature, or which may otherwise interfere with the use of the leased premises by the United States, shall not be regarded as applicable within such areas.

His Majesty's Government undertake to deliver possession of all lands and facilities, including such as may be privately owned within the leased areas hereinbefore provided for, on such date as may be determined upon by the United States of America: Provided, that the United States of America shall pay to His Majesty's Government such sum or sums as may be mutually agreed upon to compensate the owners of private property for loss by expropriation or damage arising out of the establishment of naval or air bases in the leased areas.