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May 24, 1926.

The Honorable

The Secretary of Commerce.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of March 26, 1926, enclosing a copy of the agreement which it is desired be entered into by the Department of State, the Navy Department and the Department of Commerce, as the guide of each in connection with its transactions with the International Hydrographic Bureau at Monaco. It is observed that this draft includes the additions at the end of Section 4, and at the end of Section 5, suggested by the Department of State, with an additional insertion by your Department to Section 2, in relation to communication directly with the Bureau by the Commissioner of Lighthouses on subjects pertaining to aids to navigation, et cetera.

A new amendment is now added by the Department of State, which it is hoped will be acceptable to you and the Secretary of the Navy. This amendment is the insertion at the end of the first sentence of Section 4, after the word "candidates", the words "and their selection shall be ac-

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quiesced in by the Secretary of State". Section 4 as thus amended reads as follows:

> "4. The list of candidates prepared by the United States for consideration in connection with the election of the Directors and of the Secretary-General of the International Hydrographic Bureau shall be prepared and forwarded jointly by the two representatives of the United States, and the entire number of votes allocated to the United States for the election of these officials of the International Hydrographic Bureau shall be cast jointly by the two representatives of the United States in accordance with a plan agreed to by them, provided the Secretary of the Navy and the Secretary of Commerce are agreed upon the names of said candidates and their selection shall be acquiesced in by the Secretary of State. The plan agreed upon, together with the names of the candidates in each instance, will be communicated by the Secretary of Commerce to the Secretary of State".

The agreement as amended in these four particulars is acceptable to the Department of State, and I have signed the agreement as so amended in triplicate copies which I have sent to the Secretary of the Navy with a view to obtaining his signature thereto if also acceptable to him.

I have requested the Secretary of the Navy to send the three copies, after his signature, to you for your signature. When signed by you, one signed original should be retained by you; the second forwarded to the Secretary of the Navy and the third to me, for the records of our respective departments.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Frank B Kellogg

International Hydrographic Bureau

Judge Davis

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DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
WASHINGTON

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Sir:

In accordance with the request of the Secretary of State I am forwarding herewith copies in triplicate of a proposed agreement between the Departments of State, Navy, and Commerce, in connection with the International Hydrographic Bureau at Monaco.

These copies have been signed by the Secretary of State and by me; if the agreement meets with your approval I request you sign them and retain one for the records of your Department, sending one copy to the Secretary of State and one copy to this Department.

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Respectfully,

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The Honorable,
The Secretary of Commerce.

Since the Departments of State, Navy and Commerce are directly and jointly concerned in the affairs or activities, or both, of the International Hydrographic Bureau, Monaco, of which the Government of the United States is a member, it is agreed between these several Departments that the following rules shall be considered as the guide of each in connection with its transactions with the International Hydrographic Bureau; they shall be observed when undesirable delays do not result:

1. The representatives of the United States Government, for the purpose of correspondence with the International Hydrographic Bureau, shall be the Hydrographer of the U. S. Navy and the Director of the U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey and these officials shall jointly represent the United States Government.

International Hydrographic Bureau Statutes, paragraph 18, provide: "For the purpose of correspondence with the Bureau the Governments of the Members will appoint Official Representatives who should be, for preference, the Heads of the Hydrographic Services".

2. These representatives of the United States may communicate directly with the officials of the International Hydrographic Bureau, discuss professional and technical subjects within the jurisdiction of the International Hydrographic Bureau and render opinions as herein provided.

(a) - Professional or technical subjects that concern either the Hydrographic Office or the Coast and

Geodetic

Geodetic Survey, but not both, may be discussed by the head of the office concerned directly with the proper official of the International Hydrographic Bureau without reference to any other official of the United States.

(b) - Professional or technical subjects that concern both the Hydrographic Office and the Coast and Geodetic Survey shall be considered jointly by the heads of the two offices as follows: The Hydrographer of the Navy or the Director of the Coast and Geodetic Survey may prepare a reply or an original communication to the International Hydrographic Bureau but shall not dispatch the communication until a copy of it has been submitted to the other representative and has been commented upon by him. In case of disagreement with the provisions of any communication, the originator shall be informed of the objectionable part with recommendations for change and reason therefor. In case this procedure fails to adjust the differences, representatives of the two Bureaus shall meet in conference and attempt to arrive at an agreement before either office shall forward a communication on the subject to the International Hydrographic Bureau.

(c) - Communications for the International Hydrographic Bureau on professional or technical subjects which do not directly concern the Hydrographic Office or the Coast and Geodetic Survey, but which do concern other Bureaus of the Government or Governmental organizations, shall be referred by either of the representatives to the

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organization concerned, via the other. The Hydrographer of the Navy will transmit any such communication to Bureaus of the Navy Department concerned and the Director of the Coast and Geodetic Survey to Bureaus of the Department of Commerce, direct. Communications concerning organizations outside both of these departments shall be referred by either representative via the other; if one does not forward a communication he will assure himself that the other has done so. The representative who has forwarded such communication to an organization of the Government will transmit the reply to the International Hydrographic Bureau, if requested to do so, and will render such other assistance as may be practicable in furthering the work of the International Hydrographic Bureau with respect to that subject. He will furnish the other with a copy of said reply.

(d) - Provided the Commissioner of Lighthouses may, if he so desires, communicate directly with the International Hydrographic Bureau on subjects pertaining to aids to navigation, receiving circular letters and other communications from the International Bureau and replying direct thereto or initiating correspondence with the International Bureau on this subject. He will inform the representatives of the United States of any recommendations made by him or agreements entered into with the International Bureau, and the Commissioner of Lighthouses shall be informed by them of any matter relating to the work of his Bureau.

3. Communications from the International Hydrographic Bureau relative to the contributions of the United States for the support of the International Hydrographic Bureau, to the admission of new members, to amendments to the Statutes of the Bureau, or to any subject that might concern the foreign relations of the United States shall be forwarded at once by each representative to the Secretary of State through the Secretary of his Department with recommendations and such additional information on the subject as he may have; each shall supply the other with a copy of such recommendation and information.

4. The list of candidates prepared by the United States for consideration in connection with the election of the Directors and of the Secretary-General of the International Hydrographic Bureau shall be prepared and forwarded jointly by the two representatives of the United States, and the entire number of votes allocated to the United States for the election of these officials of the International Hydrographic Bureau shall be cast jointly by the two representatives of the United States in accordance with a plan agreed to by them, provided the Secretary of the Navy and the Secretary of Commerce are agreed upon the names of said candidates, and their selection shall be acquiesced in by the Secretary of State. The plan agreed upon, together with the names of candidates in each instance, will be communicated to the Secretary of State by the Secretary of Commerce.

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5. An estimate for the contribution of the United States Government to the support of the International Hydrographic Bureau will be included annually in the estimates of the Department of State and the Department of Commerce shall report the amount of this estimate in accordance with the Statutes of the International Hydrographic Bureau to the Department of State, furnishing the Department of State with a copy of the latest annual report of the International Hydrographic Bureau and any additional available information essential to the understanding of the work done and projected since the date of latest published annual report.

Approved:

Frank B Kellogg
Secretary of State

Curtis Wilbur
Secretary of the Navy

Herbert Hoover
Secretary of Commerce