SPECIAL TARIFF POSITION OF PHILIPPINES

Exchange of notes at Washington May 4 and October 7, 1946
Entered into force October 7, 1946
Terminated May 19, 1950

61 Stat. 2441; Treaties and Other
International Acts Series 1572

The Acting Secretary of State to the Dominican Chargé d’Affaires ad interim

DEPARTMENT OF STATE
WASHINGTON
May 4 1966

SIR:

With reference to the forthcoming independence of the Philippines on
July 4, 1946, my Government considers that provision for a transitional
period for dealing with the special tariff position which Philippine products
have occupied for many years in the United States is an essential accompani-
ment to Philippine independence. Accordingly, under the Philippine Trade
Act approved April 30, 1946, goods the growth, produce or manufacture
of the Philippines will enter the United States free of duty until 1954, after
which they will be subject to gradually and regularly increasing rates of
duty or decreasing duty-free quotas until 1974 when general rates will become
applicable and all preferences will be completely eliminated.

Since the enactment of the Philippine Independence Act approved March
24, 1934, my Government has foreseen the probable necessity of providing
for such a transitional period and has since then consistently excepted from
most-favored-nation obligations which it has undertaken toward foreign
governments advantages which it might continue to accord to Philippine
products after the proclamation of Philippine independence. Some thirty
instruments in force with other governments, for example, permit the con-
tinuation of the exceptional tariff treatment now accorded by my Govern-
ment to Philippine products, irrespective of the forthcoming change in the
Commonwealth’s political status.

1 Date on which the Dominican Republic became a contracting party to the General
Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (TIAS 1700, ante, vol. 4, p. 641).
2 60 Stat. 141.
With a view, therefore, to placing the relations between the United States and the Dominican Republic upon the same basis, with respect to the matters involved, as the relations existing under the treaties and agreements referred to in the preceding paragraph, I have the honor to propose that the provisions of the Agreement between the United States and the Dominican Republic effected by an exchange of notes signed September 25, 1924, shall not be understood to require the extension to the Dominican Republic of advantages accorded by the United States to the Philippines.

In view of the imminence of the inauguration of an independent Philippine Government, I should be glad to have the reply of your Government to this proposal at an early date.

Accept, Sir, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

DEAN ACHESON
Acting Secretary of State

The Honorable
Señor Dr. Don J. R. Rodriguez,
Chargé d'Affaires ad interim
of the Dominican Republic.

The Dominican Ambassador to the Acting Secretary of State

[TRANSLATION]

Embassy of the Dominican Republic
Washington
October 7, 1946

Mr. Secretary:

I have the honor to refer to Your Excellency's note of the 4th of May of the present year, and to inform Your Excellency, in conformity with instructions that I have received to that effect, that the Dominican Government agrees that the provisions of the Agreement between the United States and the Dominican Republic, effected by an exchange of notes signed the 25th of September 1924, shall not be understood to imply the extension to the Dominican Republic of the advantages accorded by the United States to the Philippines.

Accept, Mr. Secretary, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

EMILIO G. GODOY

His Excellency Dean Acheson,
Acting Secretary of State
of the United States of America,
Washington, D.C.

*TS 700, ante, p. 216.*