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DATE: December 10, 6 PM.

Reference: Embassy Telegram 450

Azores Base Negotiations

End of year now very close and would bring significant change with which Department familiar in modus vivendi covering Azores Base rights.

At Department's suggestion I withheld demarche this subject planned for December 3 but am now increasingly concerned over scant time remaining available to work out with GOP new arrangement covering period on and after January 1, 1964.

Foreign Minister now at SC meeting in New York and may proceed from there directly NATO to ministerial meeting Paris. This could delay his ETA Lisbon until approximately December 19.

Under circumstances I consider highly advisable be in position approach Foreign Minister along line suggested reference telegram immediately following his return Lisbon. Prior then request authorization do this plus any additional guidance Department may wish provide.

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DATE: December 20, 6 p.m.

Reference: EMBTEL 511

Raised question Azores base today with Foreign Minister following discussion US request for Loran-C arrangements. Recalled I had not raised subject prior this occasion knowing Foreign Minister so occupied other affairs and visits to UN. Stated US still anxious obtain five-year extension and realized Portugal might wish raise some technical questions. Embassy ready to discuss at any time convenient to GOP. Mentioned last action this subject was Foreign Minister's letter 29 December 1962. Foreign Minister friendly, calm, and frank. Repeated to me much of his discussions Paris with Secretary re policies and procedures USUN. Indicated he would look up last letter and suggested that might be desirable reiterate temporary solution. He would reply soon.

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FROM : AmEmbassy LISBON DATE: December 21, 1963

SUBJECT : Approach to Portuguese Foreign Minister Concerning Azores Base Rights

REF : Deptel 388; Embtel 511; Embtel 524  
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On December 20 I requested an appointment with Foreign Minister Franco Nogueira and as one of my principal items of business raised with him the subject of US base rights in the Azores. In accordance with the Department's instruction (Deptel 388) I confined myself to a low-key, oral presentation and left no related document with the Foreign Minister.

To my statement of continuing US interest in a long-term renewal of the base rights agreement and my readiness to discuss the matter at any time, the Foreign Minister responded that he would review the present status of our base rights, particularly his letter of December 29, 1962, and that he would thereafter get in touch with me. He suggested that it might be necessary to reiterate a "temporary" solution.

A self-explanatory memorandum of my conversation with the Foreign Minister is enclosed.

*George W. Anderson*  
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MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION

December 20, 1963

SUBJECT : Azores Base Rights

PARTICIPANTS : Foreign Minister Alberto Franco Nogueira  
Ambassador George W. Anderson, Jr.

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In the course of a comprehensive conversation with the Foreign Minister today, I told him that one matter which I would like to raise was the extension of the Azores Base Agreement. I had intentionally refrained from bringing this matter to his attention prior to this time because I fully realized how occupied he was with many other activities. I knew that he had found it necessary to make several trips away from Portugal, to participate in the discussions in the UN, and that he had many things on his mind. Nevertheless, the presence of US forces in the azores and the maintenance there of an effective military base were of great importance to the United States, to NATO and, in my opinion, to Portugal as well.

As stated in our note of June 18, 1962, the United States had, in anticipation of the then-imminent expiration of the Agreement, requested of the Government of Portugal a five-year extension. The United States is still anxious to obtain a long-term extension because this would obviously be of advantage to both parties.

I said that I had read the minutes of the conversations which had taken place between my predecessor, Ambassador Elbrick, and the Portuguese representatives, and I thought that I was fully aware of the views then expressed and which Portugal holds regarding events in Africa and in the UN. Nevertheless, I wished to reiterate the continuing desire of the United States for a long-term extension of the Agreement. I added that in my conversations with different Ministers of the Government I understood that they had some technical details which they would desire to submit for discussion or adjustment. I felt that such technical matters should be talked out and would always be subject to mutually acceptable solutions, provided there was a basic political decision that the Agreement should in fact be so extended. I and my Embassy staff were available to participate with the Foreign Minister and his representatives at any time convenient to them.

In this regard, I solicited the desires of the Foreign Minister, recalling that the last significant event in the negotiations had been his letter of December 29, 1962. The Foreign Minister indicated that he did not at the moment recall the exact details of the letter, although he was of course aware that a temporary arrangement had been made in connection therewith. After some con-

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siderable digression, the Foreign Minister indicated that he would look up the details of the December 29, 1962 letter and inform me of his desires. He added that it might be necessary to reiterate a temporary solution.

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