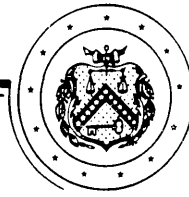


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UNITED STATES AND MEXICO SIGN \$100 MILLION EXCHANGE AGREEMENT

Secretary of the Treasury Henry H. Fowler and the Ambassador of Mexico, Hugo B. Margain, today signed a \$100,000,000 Exchange Stabilization Agreement between the United States Treasury, the Bank of Mexico, and the Government of Mexico, replacing a similar agreement signed in December, 1965 which expires at the end of 1967. The 1965 agreement was in the amount of \$75,000,000 and was increased to \$100,000,000 in May, 1967.

The Agreement signed today represents a continuation of stabilization arrangements between the United States and Mexico which have been in effect since 1941, and have proved beneficial to the financial relationships between the two countries. The agreement provides reciprocal swap facilities available for use both by Mexico and by the United States. These swap facilities strengthen the ability of the financial authorities to cooperate effectively and to conduct such stabilization operations as may be desirable from time to time to promote stable and orderly conditions in the exchange markets.

The new agreement will be effective during the two-year period ending December 31, 1969.

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