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*The Editor of The Times presents his  
compliments and desires to acknowledge with  
thanks the communication kindly sent him.*

September 28th, 1953

The Editor  
The Times,  
Printing House Square,  
E.C.4.

Sir,

SPANISH BASES

The Times is the only paper in London which properly defines the American Agreement "with General Franco".

Its leading article refers to the possible reactions of non-Communist elements opposed to General Franco, who are living outside the limits of the Spanish State. I feel that it would have been more comprehensive if the article had also mentioned the other elements, non-Francoists and non-Communists, who come within the juridical limits of that State and who do feel themselves represented by General Franco. I am one of these and I am in constant and cordial contact with the rest. We are sufficient in numbers for General Franco not wanting to hold free elections. The American Agreement is for us a profoundly unpleasant fact, but it does not affect our morale, it does not modify our decision and it does not introduce any alteration in our cadres. For our ranks, the date of the signing of the Agreement marks a day of "all is well in our fronts". We shall continue fighting against Franco and his regime with all our strength. We maintain the same positions as before!

In his letter published by the "New York Times" a fortnight ago, Don Salvador de Madariaga was right in saying that the Agreement is not signed by Spain, but by Franco, as The Times writes in the first line of the referred article.

Yours truly,

Manuel de Irujo