

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF
INDIA AND THE GOVERNMENT OF FRANCE ON CO-OPERATION IN SPACE
RESEARCH**

Florence, 15 May 1964

The Centre National d' Etudes Spatiales (CNES) acting on behalf of the French Government and the Department of Atomic Energy (DAE) of the Government of India affirm their intention to embark upon a programme of continuing cooperation in space research of mutual interest for peaceful scientific purposes. DAE has decided to manufacture in India, under licence, the Belier and Centaure types of sounding rockets developed by the French firm Sub-Aviation; a contract to this effect is being negotiated.

CNES will supply to DAE four Centaure rockets with payloads for vapour cloud experiments to be carried out at the end of 1964. The experiments will be carried out through the collaboration of Professor BLAMONT of the Aeronomy Laboratory of the Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique (CNRS) with Dr. P.D. BHAVSAR of the Physical Research Laboratory, Ahmedabad.

CNES shall contribute to the equipment of the range, for which the patronage of the United Nations is being sought.

The two organisations shall encourage the exchange of scientists and engineers between the two countries. They shall also facilitate admission of students in their respective universities and technical colleges.

The two organisations shall exchange scientific and technical information on the experiments performed under this cooperative programme.

For the Department of Atomic Energy of the Government of India:

Sd: H.J. BHABHA

For the Centre National d' Etudes Spatiales,

Government of France:

Sd: COULOMB, President,

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