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# Spanish Resistant in Talks on U.S. Bases

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WASHINGTON, June 19—Spain and the United States spoke of "progress" today in an interim communiqué on their effort to negotiate a renewal of a defense agreement involving American military bases in Spain.

But diplomats said on conclusion of the sixth round of negotiations since last November that the two sides remained "far apart" on questions of substance relating to the bases.

There has been relatively strong political opposition in Spain to full-scale renewal of the mutual defense agreement, which was inaugurated in 1952.

This was reflected in the talks that began here Monday between Ambassador at Large Robert J. McCloskey and Spain's Under Secretary for Foreign Affairs, Juan Jose Rovira, and concluded today.

The diplomats said that Spain was suggesting that the United States reduce the level of its forces in Spain, meaning perhaps a closing of American facilities at the large Torrejón air base outside Madrid, as well as the mothballed air base at Morón, in southern Spain.

The United States has 4,000 airmen at Torrejón, which is used by KC-135 jet fuel tankers, cargo planes and F-4 fighters. There are 800 airmen on another leased air base at Zaragoza, half way between Madrid and Barcelona. In addition there are 4,000 Navy personnel at Rota, a large nuclear submarine base. The total of United States military personnel in Spain is 9,000.

Spain has indicated that she wants considerably more money for leasing the strategically important bases to the United States.

The present agreement, which runs out in September, calls for the United States to provide \$129.5-million in economic assistance, military supplies and cultural exchanges.

Diplomats suggested that as a starting proposal, Spain was asking about \$300-million in various forms of assistance for the next five years.

In their communiqué, Ambassador McCloskey and Mr. Rovira said that they "noted the progress being made in defining areas of mutual agreement."

They said they had agreed to speed up the negotiations by starting the next round in Madrid on June 30. They also established a steering committee to set up guidelines and supervise working groups to study technical questions, such as the costs of various proposals.