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Spanish Official Hails U.S.

Over Agreement on Bases

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MADRID, Oct. (UPI) — Foreign Minister Pedro Cortina Mauri today acclaimed the agreement with Washington on military bases and praised the United States because it "has respected more than ever before our political independence."

Mr. Cortina said that in negotiating the accord, the United States had made no attempt to interfere in Spain's political situation.

Agreement to give United States forces continued use of four bases in Spain was announced in Washington yesterday. It coincided with strong protests by foreign governments against the Government of generalissimo Francisco Franco over the recent execution of five Spanish revolutionaries.