

than those necessarily imposed according to existing laws, whose payment cannot be forgiven, suspended or exempted by the Executive Power.

With the same facilities, speed and exactness there shall be supplied freely to the pilots⁵ or commanders of aircraft any reports they request from the appropriate centers, establishments or offices of the State concerning time or weather or sea conditions over the whole national territory, as well as the existence of fuel, water, repair shops, mechanical parts and other supplies whose use could be required, routes, means of communications, topographical and hydrographic charts, signals, etc. and medical assistance and whatever else, may be necessary or convenient in any form for the greater safety and efficiency of aerial navigation. Any dispatches which for better information public officials or employees must transmit by telegraph, telephone or radio of the State shall be deemed official and urgent.

CHAPTER II. BUREAU OF AVIATION AND CIVIL AERONAUTICS

Articles 9 and 10. (Repealed by Decree no. 752 of March 13, 1953)

Article 11. The Chief of Staff of the Army may, in regard to matters relating to the Aviation Section and for purposes of information in general, communicate directly with any public official or employee, or public civil organization, office, establishment, observatory or institution, national, provincial or municipal, with merchant ships of Cuban nationality and with stations or installations of public railroads; and such officials or employees and chiefs or persons in charge of said offices, or establishments, captains of ships and chiefs of railroad stations shall be obliged to reply or report to the Chief of Staff of the Army by the most rapid means, fully and in detail with all exactness. They are also required to issue documents, affidavits or copies without any fee and under the liability imposed in Article Seven.

Article 12. When the Chief of Staff of the Army deems it necessary or convenient for the greater speed and efficiency in the preparation, study, processing or solution of some matter under his jurisdiction, he may request through the Ministry of National Defense, that some technical public official or one especially competent in matters of customs, immigration, health, communications or a professor of the University or institutes or an official of the Corps of Engineers, Signal Corps or Bureau of Ships, appear personally before the Bureau [of Civil Aeronautics] at one or more of its meetings for the purpose of informing, counseling or advising orally or in writing.⁶

The Ministers or Chiefs of Departments or independent officials who have jurisdiction over the respective branch of service or to which the official is attached whose counsel or opinion is desired, shall order him to appear before the Chief of Staff of the Army on the day and at the hour determined by the latter for the specified purpose.

In the same manner the Chief of Staff of the Army may apply for the assistance or temporary use of any laboratory, shop, museum, field or experimental station or of apparatus, artifacts, instruments, tools, materials of private property, or belonging to the State, when he needs them for investigations, studies, tests, experiments, etc. relating to the

⁵ Ibid.

⁶ This paragraph was modified by Decree No. 695, May 28, 1930.