

The Pact of Madrid



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This photograph marks the visit of United States's President Eisenhower to Spain in 1959. This visit happened following the 1953 Pact of Madrid, in which the United States promised to provide Francoist Spain economical and military aid in exchange of being able to build and use air and naval bases in Spanish territory. This particular photograph was taken during Eisenhower's visit to one of these bases, the one located in Torrejón de Ardoz, Madrid.

This international agreement marked a before and after in Spain's position, as the country had been isolated from the rest of the world following the end of the Civil War in 1939.