

circuit may be established by means of reparation and transmission at one or more intermediate relay stations, under the condition that the reperfornated tape passes directly and immediately from the reperfornator into the retransmitter.

Section 4.—Exclusive arrangements

The parties to this Agreement shall neither support nor approve efforts by telecommunication companies subject to their respective jurisdictions to prevent or obstruct the establishment of direct radiotelegraph circuits between the United States or British Commonwealth points and other countries, and will take such steps as may be appropriate to discourage any such efforts.

Section 5.—Transit traffic

The traffic normally handled over direct radiotelegraph circuits shall be restricted to traffic originating in and destined for the countries between which the circuits are operated, including the territories and possessions of these countries. This does not preclude the use of such circuits as "voies de secours" in emergency. Transit traffic may be handled over direct radiotelegraph circuits in any case where it is agreed that it would otherwise be subject to excessive delay.

ARTICLE II.—TELEGRAPH RATES

Section 6.—Ceiling rates

(i) The ceiling rate between the United States and each of the countries of the British Commonwealth shall be 40 cents or 2s. per ordinary full rate word.

(ii) The ceiling rate between the United States and each of the countries of the British Commonwealth shall be 26 $\frac{2}{3}$ cents or 1s. 4d. per word for code (CDE) telegrams.

(iii) For categories of telegrams charged at lower rates, the existing international proportions of the ordinary rate shall be maintained.

(iv) In accordance with the decisions of the International Telegraph and Telephone Conference, Paris, 1949, there shall be unification of the ordinary full and code rates between the countries of the British Commonwealth and the United States, effective on 1st July, 1950, within a ceiling rate of 30 cents or 1s. 6d. per word, with letter telegrams within a ceiling rate of 15 cents or 9d. a word.

(v) Any party to this Agreement may, upon ninety days' notice to the other parties to this Agreement, raise to a level above the respective ceiling established by this Section any rate which is at or below that ceiling.

Section 7.—Press rates

(i) The ceiling rate for press traffic between the United States and the countries of the British Commonwealth shall be 10 cents or 6d. per ordinary word.