

EXCHANGE OF NOTES (DECEMBER 5, 1952) BETWEEN CANADA AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA CONSTITUTING AN AGREEMENT REGARDING THE LEASING OF CERTAIN LANDS SITUATED WITHIN RCAF STATION GOOSE BAY.

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EXCELLENCY,

I have the honour to refer to discussions which have recently taken place between representatives of our Governments on the Permanent Joint Board on Defence concerning a proposed lease to the United States of America of certain lands (hereinafter referred to as Leased Areas), situated within Royal Canadian Air Force Station Goose Bay (hereinafter referred to as Goose Bay) in the province of Newfoundland, for military purposes, and to inform you that in view of the common defence interests of Canada and the United States of America the Government of Canada is prepared to grant such a lease subject to the terms set forth in this note.

2. The Leased Areas shall comprise those lands agreed upon by the Governments of Canada and the United States of America on the date of the coming into force of this lease agreement and such additional lands as may thereafter, in a manner to be determined in each case by the Government of Canada, be made available to the United States of America upon its request.

3. The term of the lease shall expire twenty years after the date of the coming into force of this lease agreement, and shall be without charge.

4. The United States of America (hereinafter called the Lessee) may by notice in writing to the Government of Canada (hereinafter called the Lessor) not less than six months prior to the expiration of the term of the lease, request an extension of the term. If such request is made, the Lessor undertakes to consider it in the light of the common defence interests of Canada and the United States of America. When consulting together on a request for extension, the parties will consider what modifications if any in the provisions of the lease would be necessary or desirable in the light of experience.

5. The Lessee, without prejudice to the sovereignty of Canada, shall have quiet enjoyment of the Leased Areas, subject at all times to right of free access by the Commanding Officer, Royal Canadian Air Force Station Goose Bay, or such officer as may be designated by him, to any part of the Leased Areas.