EXCHANGE OF NOTES (May 1, 1959) BETWEEN CANADA AND THE U.S.A. CONCERNING THE ESTABLISHMENT IN CANADA OF SHORT RANGE TACTICAL AIR NAVIGATION FACILITIES AT NINE SITES (TACAN)

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The Ambassador of the United States of America to Canada to the Acting Secretary of State for External Affairs

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The Ambassador of the United States of America presents his compliments to the Acting Secretary of State for External Affairs and has the honor to refer to the Department's Note No. D-158, June 23, 1955, granting permission to the United States Air Force to undertake site surveys at certain designated points with a view to the possible establishment of short range tactical air navigation (TACAN) facilities in Canada as a part of a world-wide system.

The authorized surveys have now been completed at all the sites specified in the Embassy's Note No. 243, May 25, 1955. Representatives of the Royal Canadian Air Force were on hand during the surveys and approved the substitution of Cutthroat Island for Cape Harrison.

The Ambassador accordingly requests that the Canadian Government grant its authorization for the establishment, maintenance and operation by the United States Government of TACAN facilities at the sites specified in the Annex to this Note and at such other sites as may be mutually agreed upon. In the event that the Canadian Government grants such authorization, it is understood that any action taken by the United States Government with respect to the establishment, maintenance and operation of such facilities will be subject to the availability of funds.

In the Annex to this Note there is set forth a statement of the conditions proposed by the United States Government to govern the establishment, maintenance and operation of the agreed TACAN facilities in Canada. Should these conditions, as well as those set forth above, meet with the approval of the Canadian Government, it is proposed that this Note and the Secretary's reply shall constitute an agreement effective from the date of the reply.

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Enclosure:

Annex of Conditions.
Embassy of the United States of America,
Ottawa, May 1, 1959.