

EXCHANGE OF NOTES (NOVEMBER 5 AND 25, 1943, AND JANUARY 17, 1944) BETWEEN CANADA AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA RECORDING AN AGREEMENT REGARDING THE CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION OF RADIO BROADCASTING STATIONS IN NORTHWESTERN CANADA.

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*The United States Chargé d'Affaires to Canada
to the Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs of Canada*

LEGATION OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Ottawa, November 5, 1943.

Dear Mr. Robertson:

I understand that the Northwest Service Command, United States Army, feels a need for small broadcasting stations at several isolated garrisons in the Northwest Command. These stations would be similar to those established at various posts in Alaska and in the United Kingdom which are supplied with non-commercial entertainment program material by the Special Service Division, Army Service Forces.

Although there would be no aspect of competition with the Canadian Broadcasting System due to the isolated locations, a special problem has arisen in complying with Canadian laws and policies. As the stations would be operated by military personnel under the direct control of the local commanding officer, effective supervision of the operation could be exercised only through military channels. In order to ensure compliance with Canadian laws and to assure that the stations would be operated in such a manner as to serve the local populace in strict accordance with the desires of the appropriate Canadian authorities, a proposed draft of authorization which would be issued by the Secretary of War if the Canadian Government were to approve the proposal, is enclosed herewith. I have been directed to bring this matter to your attention with the request that the Canadian Government approve the installations as outlined in the enclosure hereto. At the same time I have been directed to say that any stations placed in operation under the authority, if granted, would be closed at any time on the request of the Canadian Government, and in any event, upon the removal of the garrison or the establishment of regular broadcasting facilities. In addition, the United States War Department has said that it would be immediately responsible to the desires of the Canadian Government in any questions arising out of the operation of the proposed stations.

I understand informally that this desire of the Northwest Service Command has been made known to you through Brigadier General W. W. Foster, and that the War Committee of the Cabinet has approved it in principle. If there is any further information you desire in order to reach a final decision in this matter, I should appreciate being informed.

Yours sincerely,

LEWIS CLARK,
Chargé d'Affaires ad interim.