

CANADA

**EXCHANGE OF NOTES (NOVEMBER 4 AND 8, 1952) BETWEEN CANADA AND  
THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA CONSTITUTING AN AGREEMENT FOR  
THE ESTABLISHMENT OF UNITED STATES GLOBAL COMMUNICATIONS  
FACILITIES IN NEWFOUNDLAND**

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

UNITED STATES EMBASSY

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EXCELLENCY,

I have the honor to refer to plans developed by the United States Air Force to modernize existing communications facilities which are essential to the operation of the Newfoundland Bases and to American air and other operations in northeastern Canada and the North Atlantic area. The improved facilities will serve communications needs important to Canada, to the United States and to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization. Their construction will require the use of certain lands in the vicinity of Stephenville, Newfoundland, described in the Annex to this Note.

In order to implement the plans referred to above the United States Air Force for its part undertakes to bear the capital investment required to construct these communications facilities, as well as the cost of operating them. I propose to Your Excellency that the Government of Canada for its part, taking into account the value and importance of these facilities to both our Governments, undertake to make the lands referred to above available to the United States for its exclusive use for the purpose of installing and operating these facilities, which are to be used solely for military purposes.

It would be agreeable to the United States if the land necessary for the construction of these facilities were acquired by the Government of Canada, which would retain title to it and make it available to the United States Air Force for the purposes described above on the following terms and conditions, which have been arranged in recent discussions between representatives of our two Governments:

- 1) This land will be available without charge to the United States for its exclusive use while there is a continuing need for the facilities for defense communications in the mutual interest of both countries. In the event that either Government wishes to discontinue the arrangement, the question of continuing need will be referred to the Permanent Joint Board of Defence. In considering the question of need, the Permanent Joint Board of Defence will take into account the relationship of the communications facilities erected on this land with those established at or in the vicinity of Goose Bay.