

**EXCHANGE OF NOTES BETWEEN CANADA AND THE UNITED STATES  
OF AMERICA FURTHER EXTENDING THE AGREEMENT OF MAY 14,  
1971 CONCERNING A JOINT PROGRAM IN THE FIELD OF EXPERI-  
MENTAL REMOTE SENSING FROM SATELLITES AND AIRCRAFT  
(LANDSAT)**

October 20, 1980

Excellency:

I have the honor to refer to the Agreement dated May 14, 1971<sup>(1)</sup>, between our two Governments concerning a joint program in the field of experimental remote sensing from satellites and aircraft, as extended and amended by an exchange of notes dated March 19 and March 22, 1976.

I would like to inform you that the United States has begun planning an operational land remote sensing satellite system, which, when approved, is expected to follow the current National Aeronautics and Space Administration experimental Landsat program. The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration of the United States has been assigned the responsibility of planning and eventually managing this operational system. The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration will keep Landsat ground station operators informed of its plans for initiation of the operational phase and for direct reception of operational sensor data under suitable arrangements.

I understand that the National Aeronautics and Space Administration of the United States and the Department of Energy, Mines, and Resources of Canada have recently discussed the prospect of continuing the useful relationship that exists under the 1971 Agreement. Accordingly, I propose that the 1971 Agreement, as extended and amended in 1976, be further extended to September 30, 1983. I also propose that the Agreement be subject to termination by either Government upon six months' written notice to the other. If these proposals meet with the approval of the Government of Canada, I have the further honor to propose that this note, and your reply, shall constitute an agreement between our two Governments concerning these matters to enter into force on the date of your reply, with effect from May 14, 1980.

Accept, Excellency, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

**THOMAS R. PICKERING**  
*For the Secretary of State*

His Excellency  
Peter M. Towe,  
Ambassador of Canada.

<sup>(1)</sup> Treaty Series 1971 No. 19