

**EXCHANGE OF NOTES BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA AND THE  
GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA EXTENDING AND  
AMENDING THE AGREEMENT OF MAY 14, 1971<sup>(1)</sup> CONCERNING A JOINT  
PROGRAMME IN THE FIELD OF EXPERIMENTAL REMOTE SENSING FROM  
SATELLITES AND AIRCRAFT (ERTS)**

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*The Ambassador of Canada to the Secretary of State of the United States of  
America*

Washington, March 19, 1976

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SIR,

I have the honour to refer to the Agreement dated May 14, 1971 between our two Governments regarding remote sensing from satellites and aircraft effected by an exchange of notes and to propose that the Agreement be extended for a further period of five years commencing on May 14, 1975 under the terms of the Notes of May 14, 1971 and the Annex thereto and that the following additional provisions be added to it:

- (1) Under the experimental earth resources programme, the Canadian Department of Energy, Mines and Resources (EMAR) will acquire data directly from NASA's Landsat-type satellites (formerly called Earth Resources Technology Satellites) at two ground stations located in Canada: one near Prince Albert, Saskatchewan, and the second in the east coast region.
- (2) Catalogue listings of Landsat data processed by the Canadian ground system as well as ground station tape recorder logs will be provided to NASA on a monthly basis.
- (3) This Agreement, as extended, assures EMAR access to Landsat 1, 2, and C satellites. Access is assured to Landsat 1 and 2 for period of one year from the date of launching of Landsat 2 (January 22, 1975) without charge by NASA. It is understood, however, that NASA may thereafter establish some cost-sharing arrangement for participating ground stations. Before doing so, however, NASA will consult with EMAR.
- (4) For the purposes of this Agreement, it is understood that EMAR and other Canadian Government agencies participating in the programme will ensure unrestricted public availability of all Landsat data of areas within range of the Canadian ground stations at a fair and reasonable charge, and will provide, free of charge, processed Landsat data required by non-USA and non-Canadian principal investigators as selected under the NASA Landsat Investigation Programme, whose test sites are in range of Canadian ground stations.

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