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EXCHANGE OF NOTES (JULY 7, 1948) BETWEEN CANADA AND THE UNITED KINGDOM EXTENDING THE AIR COMMUNICATIONS AGREEMENT OF JULY 17, 1947 BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES TO PROVIDE FOR A CANADIAN AIR SERVICE TO THE BAHAMAS

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SIR,

I have the honour to state that our two Governments have agreed in principle that the Agreement between Canada and the United Kingdom concerning the establishment of air communications between Canada and United Kingdom territories in the West Atlantic and Caribbean areas, signed at Ottawa on the 17th July, 1947, shall now be extended to provide for a Canadian air service to the Bahamas. For this purpose, subject to the conditions set out below, it is suggested that the Annex to the Agreement should be amended in the following respects:—

- (a) in paragraph 1, after "Kindley Field, Bermuda", insert "Oakes Field, Bahamas";
- (b) in paragraph 3, after "Jamaica" insert "and/or the Bahamas".

2. In this connection the Canadian Government undertakes that:—

- (a) the service operated to and from the Bahamas by the designated air line or air lines of Canada shall be fully adequate to carry the traffic offering and shall provide not less than forty seats weekly;
- (b) the designated air line or air lines of Canada shall, subject to operational contingencies, assure air passage to any passenger travelling between the Bahamas and Canada who shall obtain a reservation a week in advance;

(c) in accordance with the normal policy, the International Air Transport Association rates for the service to the Bahamas will be adopted. In the unlikely event that these are not comparable with the rates at present prevailing on the route Montreal-New York-Nassau, the Canadian Government will be prepared to review them in consultation with the United Kingdom and Bahamas authorities.

3. It is understood that the United Kingdom Government for its part undertakes, in respect of the Bahamas, that it will not exercise the reciprocal rights granted in paragraph 3 of the Annex to the Agreement of the 17th July