

Accordingly, I have the honor to inform you that the Government of the United States concurs in your proposal that your note and this reply shall from the date of this note constitute an exchange of notes within the meaning of the above-mentioned Recommendation, modifying the Leased Bases Agreement of 1941 in the manner set forth in the Recommendation so far as the application of that Agreement concerns the United States and Canada.

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

DEAN ACHESON.

EXCHANGE OF NOTES (APRIL 28 AND 30, 1952) BETWEEN CANADA AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA CONSTITUTING AN AGREEMENT RELATING TO THE APPLICATION OF THE NATO STATUS OF FORCES AGREEMENT OF JUNE 19, 1951, TO THE UNITED STATES FORCES IN CANADA INCLUDING THOSE AT THE LEASED BASES IN NEWFOUNDLAND AND AT GOOSE BAY, LABRADOR.

In force September 27, 1953.

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*The Secretary of State of the United States of America
to the Canadian Ambassador to the United States of America.*

APRIL 28, 1952.

EXCELLENCY:

I have the honor to refer to recent negotiations between representatives of our Governments at which agreement was reached regarding the application of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization Status of Forces Agreement⁽¹⁾ (signed June 19, 1951) to the United States Forces at the leased bases in Newfoundland and at Goose Bay, Labrador.

In common with the Government of Canada, the United States Government wishes the NATO Status of Forces Agreement to apply to all United States forces throughout Canada, including those at the leased bases, when, pursuant to Article 18, the NATO Status of Forces Agreement has come into effect in respect of both Canada and the United States. As the Canadian Government is aware, however, the United States Government attaches great importance to the maintenance of certain arrangements at the leased bases under the Leased Bases Agreement of 1941, as modified as a result of the recommendations of March 30, 1950 by the Permanent Joint Board on Defense. These arrangements concern the operation of institutions under government control known as post exchanges, ships service stores, commissary stores and service clubs for the use of the United States forces, civilian employees who are United States nationals employed by the United States Government in connection with the bases or members of their families resident with them and not engaged in any business or occupation in Canada. The provisions of the Leased Bases Agreement concerning tax and customs exemptions, modified in accordance with the recommendations of the Permanent Joint Board on Defense, are also satisfactory. The United States Government does not, therefore, wish to alter these arrangements.

(1) *Canada Treaty Series 1953, No. 13.*