

CANADA

**EXCHANGE OF NOTES BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA AND THE
GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA CONCERNING NEW
FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS TO GOVERN THE OPERATION AND MAINTEN-
ANCE OF THE PINETREE RADAR STATIONS IN CANADA WHICH COMPRISE
THE CONTINENTAL RADAR DEFENCE SYSTEM**

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*The Chargé d'Affaires ad interim of the United States of America to the
Secretary of State for External Affairs of Canada*

Ottawa, August 16, 1971

No. 133

SIR:

I have the honor to refer to agreements between the Governments of the United States and of Canada effected by exchanges of notes dated August 1, 1951⁽¹⁾; June 15, 1955⁽²⁾; June 12, 1961⁽³⁾; June 25, 1970⁽⁴⁾; and June 30, 1971⁽⁵⁾, regarding the cost and operation of the continental radar defense system, and to recent discussions which have taken place between representatives of the Government of Canada and of the Government of the United States concerning new financial arrangements to govern the operation and maintenance of the Pinetree radar stations in Canada that comprise this system.

At the present time there are twenty-one Pinetree radar stations in operation. Eight of these stations have been manned and financed by the Government of Canada since their establishment pursuant to the agreement effected by the exchange of notes of August 1, 1951. Under the terms of the agreement effected by the exchange of notes of June 12, 1961, the Government of Canada has also manned and financed twelve stations that were formerly the responsibility of the Government of the United States, and, in accordance with the exchange of notes of June 25, 1970, agreed to continue to man and finance them through July 31, 1971. Prior to July 1, 1971, the remaining Pinetree station, located at Melville, Labrador, was manned and financed by the Government of the United States. Pursuant to an agreement between our two Governments effected by an exchange of notes dated June 30, 1971, the Government of Canada, on July 1, 1971, assumed responsibility for the manning of the Melville station and the military personnel costs associated therewith, and the Government of the United States retained responsibility for the operation and maintenance costs of the station.

I now propose, on behalf of the Government of the United States, that the Government of Canada agree to continue to be responsible for the manning and the military personnel costs associated therewith of the twenty-one Pinetree radar stations set out in the enclosed Annex to this note. In consideration of the above undertaking by the Government of Canada, the Government of the United States, effective August 1, 1971, and in accordance with the terms

⁽¹⁾ Treaty Series 1951 No. 31

⁽²⁾ Treaty Series 1955 No. 30

⁽³⁾ Treaty Series 1961 No. 5

⁽⁴⁾ Treaty Series 1970 No. 18

⁽⁵⁾ Treaty Series 1971 No. 24