

CANADA

**EXCHANGE OF NOTES BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA AND THE  
GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA CONCERNING THE  
DEACTIVATION OF THE STEPHENVILLE RADAR STATION AND THE TRANS-  
FER TO CANADA OF RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE MANNING AND THE MILI-  
TARY PERSONNEL COSTS OF THE MELVILLE STATION**

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

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SIR:

I have the honor to refer to the Agreement between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of Canada regarding the Operation of the Continental Radar Defense System Within Canada effected by an exchange of notes dated August 1, 1951, <sup>(1)</sup> as amended.

Pursuant to this Agreement, various radar stations have been established, including those at Stephenville, Newfoundland and Melville, Labrador. In accordance with arrangements concluded by representatives of our two Governments under the 1951 Agreement, the Government of the United States is responsible for the manning and financing of the radar stations at Stephenville and Melville.

As a result of recent discussions which have taken place between representatives of our two Governments, the Government of the United States now proposes to deactivate the Aircraft Control and Warning Squadron at Stephenville on or before June 30, 1971. All associated radar, communications and support facilities, except the short range tactical air navigation (TACAN) facility, will also be deactivated. The TACAN facility located near the Stephenville site will continue in operation. Details for the deactivation of the Stephenville radar station will be worked out between the appropriate authorities of our two Governments. The disposition of excess United States property at the sites will be in accordance with the exchange of notes of our two Governments of August 28, 1961, and September 1, 1961, <sup>(2)</sup> concerning the Disposal of United States Excess Property in Canada.

The Government of the United States further proposes that, effective July 1, 1971, the Government of Canada assume responsibility for the manning of the Melville Station and the military personnel costs associated therewith. The Government of the United States will continue to be responsible for the operation and maintenance costs of this station. These cost-sharing arrangements for the Melville station will be included in the proposed new Pinetree Cost-Sharing Agreement, which is currently being discussed by representatives of our two Governments.

<sup>(1)</sup> Treaty Series 1951 No. 31

<sup>(2)</sup> Treaty Series 1961 No. 7