

**EXCHANGE OF NOTES BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO PROVIDE FOR THE CONTINUED OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF THE TORPEDO TEST RANGE IN THE STRAIT OF GEORGIA INCLUDING THE INSTALLATION AND UTILIZATION OF AN ADVANCED UNDERWATER ACOUSTIC MEASUREMENT SYSTEM AT JERVIS INLET**

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*The Chargé d'Affaires a.i. of the United States of America to the Secretary of State for External Affairs of Canada*

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SIR,

I have the honour to refer to the Exchange of Notes between our two Governments of May 12, 1965<sup>(1)</sup>, constituting an Agreement for the establishment, operation and maintenance of a torpedo test range in the Strait of Georgia. Recently there have been discussions in the Permanent Joint Board on Defence regarding the renewal of that Agreement and the inclusion of a provision in it for installing and utilizing an advanced underwater acoustic measurement system.

The 1965 Exchange of Notes provides that the Agreement will continue in force after the initial ten year period until terminated by either party in accordance with its provisions. However, in view of the desire of the United States to update existing range operating equipment and to install an advanced underwater acoustic measurement system at Jervis Inlet, it would seem appropriate at this time formally to renew the Agreement while making the necessary amendments to the Annex.

To accomplish these objectives I have the honour to propose that our two Governments agree to the continued operation and maintenance of the torpedo test range in the Strait of Georgia and, at the same time, authorize the installation and utilization of an advanced underwater acoustic measurement system at Jervis Inlet under the conditions set forth in the Annex to this Note. It is understood that the undertakings by either Government with regard to this matter shall be subject to the availability of funds.

If the conditions set forth in this Note and its Annex are acceptable to your Government, I have the honour to propose that this Note and your reply to that effect shall constitute an Agreement between our two Governments which shall enter into force on the date of your reply for a period of ten years and shall continue in force thereafter until terminated either by mutual agreement or as hereinafter provided.

<sup>(1)</sup> Treaty Series 1965 No 6.