

EXCHANGES OF NOTES (June 11, 1965) BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA CONCERNING THE CONTINUED JOINT USE, OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF THE CHURCHILL RESEARCH RANGE AT PORT CHURCHILL, MANITOBA.

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

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DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

Ottawa, June 11, 1965.

Sir:

I have the honour to refer to recent discussions between representatives of the Governments of Canada and the United States of America concerning the future use, operation and maintenance of the Research Range at Fort Churchill, Manitoba, after the expiry on June 13, 1965 of the present agreement of June 14, 1960⁽¹⁾ concerning the utilization of the existing Upper Atmosphere Research Facilities at Fort Churchill, Manitoba.

These discussions indicated that the mutual interest of Canada and the United States would be served by the continued availability of the Range, and that the Range should be operated and maintained by the Canadian Government for the joint use of Canada and the United States. To facilitate the orderly transfer of responsibility for the Range to the Canadian Government, however, it is proposed that the present agreement be extended until and including December 31, 1965 and that on January 1, 1966 a new Agreement come into force.

During the period July 1 until and including December 31, 1965, the National Research Council of Canada is designated as the appropriate authority of the Canadian Government and it is understood that the Department of Defense (United States Air Force) is the appropriate authority of the United States Government to deal with the Range. The National Research Council will arrange with the Canadian Departments of Public Works and of Transport for the continuation of the support functions previously supplied to the Range. The equipment associated with the functions previously performed by the Northern Laboratory of the Defence Research Board, and the air surveillance radar previously operated by the Canadian Department of Public Works shall be made available to the United States Department of Defence (United States Air Force) during this interim period. During the period July 1 until and including December 31, 1965 the Canadian Government undertakes, subject to the conditions set out in the Annex hereto, to contribute towards the costs of the Range an amount equal to one half of the agreed costs of operation, maintenance and support.

I propose that if the foregoing is agreeable to your Government, this Note and your Note in reply to that effect shall constitute an Agreement regarding this subject between our two Governments, which shall enter into force on June 14, 1965.

Accept, Sir, the renewed assurances of my high consideration.

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⁽¹⁾Canada Treaty Series 1960 No. 12 Recueil des Traités