

# MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN CANADA AND NEWFOUNDLAND

Signed at Saint John's, Newfoundland, October 10, 1944

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Made this tenth day of October, Anno Domini one thousand nine hundred and forty-four BETWEEN The Government of Canada represented herein by the High Commissioner for Canada in Newfoundland of the first part AND The Government of Newfoundland represented herein by the Commissioner for Public Utilities and Supply of the second part.

WHEREAS the development of a strategic air base for the defence of Canada, Newfoundland and Labrador, within the general scheme of hemisphere defence and as a basis of operations in the Atlantic area, is considered by the Governments of Canada and Newfoundland to be of the utmost importance:

Therefore the undersigned, duly authorized to that effect, have agreed as follows:—

1. (1) The Government of Newfoundland will lease to His Majesty the King in right of Canada ALL THAT certain piece or parcel of land situated at Goose Bay in Labrador described as follows: Beginning at a concrete post marked "A" at the most northerly point of Terrington Basin at ordinary high watermark, the said point being North Latitude 53 degrees 22 minutes 24.6 seconds and West Longitude 60 degrees 24 minutes 21.5 seconds; thence North astronomically 305 chains; thence West astronomically 640 chains; thence South astronomically 920 chains more or less to the northern shore of the Hamilton River at ordinary high water mark; thence easterly along the northern shore of the Hamilton River at ordinary high water mark to Goose Bay; thence northerly and westerly along the shore of Goose Bay at ordinary high water mark to Terrington Basin; thence westerly and northerly along the shore of Terrington Basin at ordinary high water mark to the point of beginning; containing 120 square miles more or less; hereinafter referred to as the Air Base; reserving nevertheless from the Air Base all mines and minerals; TO HOLD the same unto His Majesty the King in right of Canada for a period of ninety-nine years from the first day of September Anno Domini one thousand nine hundred and forty-one for the purpose of the construction, operation and maintenance of an air base thereon for operations by land or water for the purposes set forth in the recital hereto.

(2) Such lease shall be authorized or ratified in such manner as may be agreed upon by the Governments of Canada and Newfoundland.

2. During the period of the lease the Government of Canada shall have the right to construct, maintain, operate, manage and control an air base at the Air Base and without restricting the generality of the foregoing shall have as incidental thereto the following rights, namely:

- (a) to build and maintain a roadway approximately 22 miles in length from the Air Base to Northwest River and such other roads outside the Air Base as may be agreed with the Government of Newfoundland from time to time. All roads built hereunder outside the Air Base shall become public highways. Where the Air Base separates two roads or two parts of the same road, passage through the Air Base will be permitted, subject to such reasonable limitations as are necessary for the protection of the Air Base and its operations;
- (b) to take from the neighbouring streams and rivers such water as may be necessary for the purposes of the Air Base;