

EXCHANGE OF NOTES (July 13, 1959) BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA
AND THE GOVERNMENT OF UNITED STATES OF AMERICA GOVERNING
THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN INTEGRATED COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM
TO SUPPORT THE BALLISTIC MISSILE EARLY WARNING SYSTEM
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Secretary of State for External Affairs*

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The Ambassador of the United States of America presents his compliments to the Secretary of State for External Affairs, and has the honor to refer to recent discussions between agencies of our two Governments regarding the mutual defense interests of Canada and the United States in establishing at the earliest time a ballistic missile early warning system.

In these discussions it was recognized that there was a need to develop an integrated communications system to provide information to the North American Air Defense Command. The United States Air Force has selected a communications systems contractor which will work closely with appropriate agencies of the two Governments in carrying out this work under contract. Such an integrated communications system will involve the use of existing communications systems in Canada and may involve, as well, the construction of some new communications facilities in Canada. It is the intention of the United States to utilize Government as well as commercial communications facilities in Canada to the maximum extent possible consistent with technical capabilities, in order to obtain the required service.

It is understood that any action to be taken by the United States Government in connection with the establishment of a ballistic missile early warning system is subject to the availability of funds.

The United States Government now proposes that the activities which are to occur on Canadian territory in connection with the establishment, maintenance and operation of an integrated communications system in support of a ballistic missile early warning system be governed by the conditions set forth in the Annex to this Note. If these conditions are acceptable to the Canadian Government, it is proposed that this Note and the Secretary's reply constitute an Agreement between the two Governments, effective from the date of the reply.

Enclosure:

Annex

Embassy of the United States of America,
Ottawa, July 13, 1959.