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The Foreign Minister of the Federal Republic of Germany to the Canadian Ambassador to the Federal Republic of Germany

FEDERAL MINISTER EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

DECEMBER 10, 1956.

EXCELLENCY,

I have the honour to refer to my communication of October 3, 1956*, in which I took the opportunity to inform you of the German intention, provided the required approval was obtained, to acquire 225 aircraft of the Sabre VI type in Canada.

Since I have just been advised that on December 7, 1956, agreement was reached about the text of an appropriate purchase contract between representatives of The Federal Defence Ministry and The Federal Finance Ministry on the one side and representatives of the Canadian firm on the other and that the formal procedure for the signature of this contract presumably would take only a few more days, I am in the position to inform you that the Government of The Federal Republic of Germany gratefully accepts the proposal of The Canadian Government to train German student pilots in establishments of The Royal Canadian Air Force under the conditions set forth in your Note number 100 of September 17, 1956, and in Appendix "A" attached to the Note.

I have the honour to confirm that this Note in conjunction with your aforementioned Note number 100 of September 17, 1956, and with Appendix "A" of the Note constitutes an agreement between the Government of the German Federal Republic and The Government of Canada which enters into effect on the date of this Note.

I take the opportunity to express the satisfaction of my government at the conclusion of this agreement which will contribute to the further strengthening of the friendly relations between Canada and The Federal Republic of Germany in the spirit of The Atlantic Cooperation.

Accept, Excellency, renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

BRENTANO.

His Excellency,
The Ambassador of Canada,
Mr. Charles S. A. Ritchie,
Bonn.

*This communication is an interim acknowledgment to Note I above.