



EXCHANGE OF NOTES (JUNE 15, 1966) BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA CONCERNING THE CONTINUED USE BY THE USA OF LAND ADJACENT TO ARGENTIA FOR THE OPERATION OF A COMMUNICATION SITE.

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

EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

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SIR:

I have the honor to bring to your attention the need of the United States Navy for the continuing use of certain land, adjacent to the present Leased Bases area at Redcliff, Newfoundland, for purposes in connection with the operation of the communications site maintained by the United States Navy there.

It will be recalled that the Redcliff site was originally used by the United States Air Force. The site was initially made available under the 1941 Leased Bases Agreement.⁽¹⁾ Additional adjacent land was subsequently provided under an Exchange of Notes signed at Washington, August 1, 1951,⁽²⁾ constituting an agreement regarding the extension and co-ordination of the continental radar defense system, the so-called "Pine Tree" Agreement. When the United States Air Force deactivated its Redcliff facilities in 1961, it was understood that the "Pine Tree" property was reverting to the Royal Canadian Air Force and the Leased Bases property was being transferred to the United States Navy for continued United States utilization as a remote transmitter-receiver facility for the United States Naval Station at Argentia. Although the source of the discrepancy is not known, the Royal Canadian Air Force subsequently discovered, and so informed the United States Navy, that certain segments of the "Pine Tree" and perhaps other property and associated easements, had been taken into use by the Navy for the communications facility.

The exact boundaries of the segments of land are not at present precisely known, but it is understood that the necessary action is being taken by the Canadian authorities concerned to determine the metes and bounds of the land in question. When such action is completed, copies of the resulting documents legally describing the land shall be appended to and become part of this Agreement.

The United States Government therefore requests agreement from the Canadian Government that the land and the associated easements now being utilized in connection with the operation of the United States Navy communications site may continue to be made available for the use of the United States Navy.

⁽¹⁾ Canada Treaty Series 1952 No. 14.

⁽²⁾ Canada Treaty Series 1951 No. 31.