

EXCHANGE OF NOTES (December 28, 1962) BETWEEN CANADA AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA CONCERNING A COOPERATIVE PROGRAMME FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT AND OPERATION OF A COMMAND AND DATA ACQUISITION STATION IN CANADA TO SERVE AN OPERATIONAL METEOROLOGICAL SATELLITE SYSTEM BEING ESTABLISHED BY THE UNITED STATES (NIMBUS).

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The Ambassador of the United States of America to Canada to the Secretary of State for External Affairs.

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I have the honor to refer to discussions between representatives of the United States and Canada, with regard to Canadian participation in an operational meteorological satellite system being established by the United States. This cooperative venture for peaceful, scientific purposes will represent an important step toward realization of the benefits of satellite meteorology for the peoples of the world.

The system being established by the United States is designed to provide eventually for continuous meteorological observation on a global basis. Data derived from the cooperative program will be available to both countries and, in harmony with the objectives of the United Nations, shall also be made available for use by the world meteorological community. Specifically Canadian participation in this system is sought through the joint establishment and operation of a command and data acquisition station on Canadian territory, this station to constitute one element in an integrated command and data acquisition network.

It is proposed that the cooperative program be carried out in accordance with the following principles and procedures:

1. *Cooperating Agencies*

The project shall be conducted by Cooperating Agencies designed by each Government. On the part of the Government of the United States of America the Cooperating Agency will be the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, acting with the United States Weather Bureau, and on the part of the Government of Canada the Cooperating Agency will be the Department of Transport. Either Government may change the designation of its Cooperating Agency by means of a notice in writing to the other Government.

2. *Site Selection*

The command and data acquisition station shall be constructed in the Maritime Provinces of Canada or in Newfoundland, at a site to be selected by mutual agreement of the Cooperating Agencies.

3. *Land Acquisition*

Land required as a site for the station shall be acquired by the Canadian Cooperating Agency and ownership shall be vested in the Crown.