

EXCHANGE OF NOTES (September 17 and December 10, 1956) BETWEEN CANADA
AND THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY RESPECTING THE CONTRACT
FOR THE PURCHASE OF F-86 AIRCRAFT AND THE TRAINING OF GERMAN
AIRCREW IN CANADA

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Foreign Minister of the Federal Republic of Germany*

CANADIAN EMBASSY

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EXCELLENCY,

It is the understanding of the Government of Canada that the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany intends to purchase 225 Sabre VI aircraft in Canada from Canadair Limited and consequently desires that the Government of Canada make available to trainees of the German Air Force certain pilot training facilities from within the resources of the Royal Canadian Air Force to accommodate an intake of up to 360 student pilots.

The Government of Canada will in the near future have fulfilled its commitments to provide aircrew training to assist in the build-up of the air forces of certain of the parties to the North Atlantic Treaty and recently decided to divert facilities now employed in this way to purposes related to the defence of North America within the framework of the North Atlantic Treaty. However, the Government of Canada, being aware of the urgent problems facing the Government of the Federal Republic in building up its air force and having in mind the intended purchase of Canadian aircraft by the Government of the Federal Republic, has recently reviewed its air training plans and is prepared to postpone the closing down or diversion of certain air training facilities now employed in NATO aircrew training for a period sufficient to implement the proposal contained herein for the provision of pilot training for the German air force.

The Government of Canada wishes to emphasize that if this proposal is accepted its implementation will result in a delay in the formation of additional operational squadrons which the Government of Canada has agreed to establish. The appropriate NATO military authorities will be requested to concur in this delay if the proposal of the Government of Canada is accepted by the Government of the Federal Republic.

The Government of Canada is prepared to accept German trainees in the present NATO air training scheme as soon as vacancies occur from the completion of the training of other NATO candidates, and is also prepared to prolong the operation of the present NATO air training establishment for the period necessary to complete the training of the 360 trainees provided the Government of the Federal Republic reimburses the Canadian Government for the additional costs of maintaining this establishment for the required period of time. The Canadian Government is prepared to determine in advance the amount to be reimbursed as \$12 million.

The detailed terms and conditions of this offer of training by the Government of Canada are shown in Appendix "A" to this note. These are based upon the practice developed in the training of other NATO pilots in Canada.