

EXCHANGE OF NOTES (AUGUST 1, 1951) BETWEEN CANADA AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA CONSTITUTING AN AGREEMENT REGARDING THE EXTENSION AND CO-ORDINATION OF THE CONTINENTAL RADAR DEFENCE SYSTEM.

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*The Canadian Ambassador to the United States of America to the Secretary of State of the United States of America*

CANADIAN EMBASSY

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SIR,

I have the honour to refer to the recent discussions by the Permanent Joint Board on Defence regarding the extension and co-ordination of the continental radar defence system within Canada and to record herein the Canadian Government's understanding of the arrangements which have been agreed upon:

1. Subject to the availability of appropriated funds, and to the terms and conditions hereinafter set forth, the Governments of Canada and the United States will, in the interests of joint defence against air attacks, construct and operate within Canada an extension of the continental radar defence system, (hereinafter referred to as "the extension").

2. The costs of construction (except housing for dependents), equipment, and operation of the extension will be shared on the basis of approximately two-thirds by the United States and one-third by Canada. In order to simplify the division of costs in accordance with this principle, the United States and Canada will each assume financial responsibility for construction, equipment and operation of those stations (with their associated control facilities) respectively allocated to each of them by agreement between the appropriate authorities of the two governments. Neither government will discontinue the operation of any station or any part of the extension without the prior concurrence of the other government.

3. So far as practicable, construction of the installations required for the extension will be carried out by Canadian agencies and contractors with Canadian labour and materials. Electronic and other equipment manufactured in Canada will also be used, so far as practicable.

4. Canada will acquire and retain title to all sites required in Canada for the extension. The Canadian Government hereby grants and assures to the United States Government, without charge, such rights of access, use and occupancy as may be required for the construction, equipment and operation of stations allocated to the United States pursuant to paragraph 2 of this note.