The Secretary of State for External Affairs of Canada to the Chargé d'Affaires ad interim of the United States of America

Ottawa, August 16, 1971

No. DFR-1483

SIR,

I have the honour to refer to your Note No. 133 and Annex dated August 16, 1971, referring to agreements between the Governments of Canada and of the United States of America effected by exchanges of notes dated August 1, 1951; June 15, 1955; June 12, 1961; June 25, 1970; and June 30, 1971, regarding the cost and operation of the continental radar defence system and to the recent discussions which have taken place between the representatives of the Government of Canada and of the Government of the United States concerning new financial arrangements to govern the operation and maintenance of the Pinetree radar stations in Canada that comprise this system.

The proposals contained in your Note and Annex are acceptable to the Government of Canada and it is agreed that your Note and this reply, which is authentic in English and in French, shall constitute an agreement between our two Governments on these matters effective from August 1, 1971, and that this agreement shall supersede the agreements effected by the exchanges of notes dated June 12, 1961, and June 25, 1970, and to the extent inconsistent therewith, the provisions of the agreements effected by the exchanges of notes dated August 1, 1951, and June 15, 1955.

Accept, Sir, the assurance of my high consideration.

MITCHELL SHARP Secretary of State for External Affairs

The Honourable Rufus Z. Smith, Chargé d'Affaires a.i. of the United States of America, Ottawa.