

EXCHANGE OF NOTES BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA AND THE GOVERNMENT OF AUSTRALIA CONCERNING THE USE OF THE AUSTRALIAN WOOMERA RANGE FOR LAUNCHING A CANADIAN SOUNDING ROCKET FOR SCIENTIFIC INVESTIGATION

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The High Commissioner for Canada to the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Australia

Canberra, August 26, 1976

Sir,

I have the honour to refer to discussions between officials of our two Governments concerning the use of the Australian Woomera Range for launching a sounding rocket for scientific investigations.

In accordance with those discussions, the Canadian Government would now like to propose that the range and supporting facilities at Woomera be made available for the National Research Council of Canada ("NRCC") to carry out a project known as "COSRAY 75", involving the firing of one Canadian Black Brant V-B rocket for experimental purposes in 1976, with a possible follow-up launch in 1977. It is proposed that the specific number, character and schedule of scientific experiments to be performed as part of the project, the allocation of technical and operational responsibility with respect to launching, the arrangements for financing the project, and the provision of facilities and services for rocket launching, tracking and telemetering of information from the rocket, be arranged by NRCC as co-operating agency of the Government of Canada and the Australian Department of Defence as co-operating agency of the Government of Australia ("ADOD").

I further propose that:

- (1) Data collected as a result of the project shall be made available to the Government of Australia in accordance with arrangements by NRCC and ADOD.
- (2) The Government of Canada and each of its contractors shall retain title to any property brought into or acquired in Australia, for use in connection with the firing program, by or on behalf of the Government or such contractor. The Government of Canada or any of its contractors may at any time, but consistent with this Agreement, remove any of their respective property from Australia at their own expense and free from export duties and related charges.
- (3) The Government of Australia shall, in accordance with its laws, regulations and procedures, facilitate the admission into Australia of all property provided by, or on behalf of, the Government of Canada or any of its contractors, for use in connection with the firing program. The Government of Australia shall not levy duties, taxes or like charges on any such property which the Government of Canada certifies, prior to or at the time of entry, is for use in connection with the firing program and is the property of the Government of Canada when admitted into Australia, or on any property, for use in connection with the firing program, which the Government of Canada has undertaken will be exported within twelve months of its admission into Australia, provided that it becomes the property of that Government before its use in Australia.