

EXCHANGE OF NOTES BETWEEN CANADA AND THE U.S.A. CONCERNING AERIAL
REFUELING FACILITIES IN CANADIAN TERRITORY

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of State for External Affairs*

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The Ambassador of the United States of America presents his compliments to the Secretary of State for External Affairs and has the honour to refer to discussions in the Permanent Joint Board on Defense and elsewhere regarding the mutual defense interests of Canada and the United States in strengthening the deterrent capabilities of the two countries by the establishment, maintenance, and operation by the United States Government of aerial refueling facilities in Canadian territory. The United States Air Force and the Royal Canadian Air Force have jointly conducted investigations of certain Canadian airfields to determine the suitability of such airfields for this purpose.

It is understood that any action to be taken by the United States Government in the above regard shall be subject to the availability of funds.

The United States Government now proposes that the establishment, maintenance and operation by the United States Government of aerial refueling facilities at four bases in Canada be governed by the conditions set forth in the Annex to this Note. If these conditions are acceptable to the Canadian Government, it is proposed that this Note and the Secretary's reply constitute an Agreement between the two Governments, effective from the date of that reply.

Embassy of the United States of America,
Ottawa, June 20, 1958.