

EXCHANGE OF NOTES (May 5, 1955) BETWEEN CANADA AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA GOVERNING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A DISTANT EARLY WARNING SYSTEM IN CANADIAN TERRITORY.

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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

Washington, D.C.

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Sir,

I have the honour to refer to my Note No. 791 of November 16, 1954, regarding the joint establishment by Canada and the United States of America of a comprehensive warning and control system against air attack. My Note read in part as follows:

"The Canadian Government has now considered a proposal put forward through the Permanent Joint Board on Defence that the construction of the Distant Early Warning element of the over-all joint Canada-United States warning system should be the responsibility of the United States Government. The Canadian Government concurs in this proposal subject to the conclusion at an early date of an agreement as to the terms which shall govern the work. At the same time, however, the Canadian Government wishes to state its intention to participate in the project, the nature and extent of such participation to be determined in the near future."

I am instructed by my Government to inform you that its participation during the construction phase of the project will consist of giving assistance to the United States authorities in organizing and using Canadian resources, and to helping by making available the facilities of the armed forces and other agencies of the Canadian Government when appropriate. I am also instructed to state that the Canadian Government intends to participate effectively in the operation and maintenance phase of the project, the character of such participation to be determined on the basis of studies to be carried out during the construction phase.

My Government now proposes that the annexed conditions should govern the establishment by the United States of a distant early warning system in Canadian territory. If these conditions are acceptable to your Government, I suggest that this Note and your reply should constitute an agreement effective from the date of your reply.

Accept, Sir, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

A. D. P. HEENEY,

Ambassador.

The Honourable John Foster Dulles,
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Washington, D.C.