

EXCHANGE OF NOTES (December 1, 1965) BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA CONCERNING GROUND-TO-AIR COMMUNICATIONS FACILITIES FOR DEFENCE PURPOSES.

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*The Ambassador of the United States of America to Canada
to the Secretary of State for External Affairs*

EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

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SIR:

I have the honor to refer to discussions in the Permanent Joint Board on Defense and between representatives of the United States Air Force and the Royal Canadian Air Force concerning the establishment, operation and maintenance of certain ground-to-air communications facilities in northern Canada, new facilities which would contribute substantially to communications reliability in the event of attack.

I understand that representatives of our two Governments have agreed that the proposed communications facilities would be established, operated and maintained on sites which were originally made available pursuant to: (1) the agreement concerning the Continental Radar Defense System signed at Washington on August 1, 1951⁽¹⁾; (2) the agreement concerning the establishment in Canada of a Warning and Control System Against Air Attack signed at Washington on May 5, 1955⁽²⁾; or (3) the agreement concerning Leased Bases in Newfoundland signed at Washington on February 13 and March 19, 1952⁽³⁾.

The proposed communications facilities would utilize existing communications circuits including cable, tropospheric scatter and radio relay types of ground communication.

I now have the honor to request that the Canadian Government approve the establishment, operation and maintenance of certain existing ground-to-air communications facilities and additionally proposed facilities in accordance with the conditions set forth in the Annex to this note. It is understood that, to the extent feasible but in no way derogating from the expressed conditions of this present agreement, the proposed facilities shall be operated as an integral part of the main activities of the respective sites on which they are or are to be located.

If the conditions set forth in the Annex and in this note are acceptable to your Government, I have the honor to propose that this note, the Annex thereto, and your note in reply to that effect shall constitute an agreement between our Governments which shall enter into force on the date of your reply for a period of ten years and shall continue in force thereafter until terminated either by mutual agreement or as hereinafter provided. Following the ten year period, if either Government concludes that the communications facilities, or any portion thereof, are no longer required, and the other Govern-

⁽¹⁾ Canada Treaty Series 1951 No. 31

⁽²⁾ Canada Treaty Series 1955 No. 8

⁽³⁾ Canada Treaty Series 1952 No. 14