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DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

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THE DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT THE GOVERNMENTS OF CANADA, THE UNITED KINGDOM AND THE UNITED STATES HAVE ENTERED INTO AN AGREEMENT INTERCHANGING RIGHTS IN INVENTIONS AND DISCOVERIES IN THE ATOMIC ENERGY FIELD ON WHICH PATENTS WERE HELD OR APPLIED FOR BY ONE GOVERNMENT IN ONE OR MORE OF THE OTHER COUNTRIES AS OF NOVEMBER 15, 1955.

THE AGREEMENT WAS SIGNED BY REPRESENTATIVES OF THE THREE GOVERNMENTS IN WASHINGTON THIS MORNING. THE CANADIAN AMBASSADOR TO THE UNITED STATES, MR. ARNOLD D.P. HEENEY, SIGNED ON BEHALF OF CANADA.

THE PURPOSE OF THE TRIPARTITE AGREEMENT IS TO ALLOW INTERNAL USE OF THE INVENTIONS IN EACH COUNTRY BY GOVERNMENT AND INDUSTRY WITHOUT INTERFERENCE OF THE OTHER GOVERNMENTS. THIS IS DONE BY A "CROSS ASSIGNMENT" OF RIGHTS, UNDER WHICH EACH GOVERNMENT ASSIGNS TO THE OTHERS THE RIGHTS, TITLE AND INTERESTS OWNED BY IT IN THE OTHER COUNTRIES. EACH ASSIGNING GOVERNMENT RETAINS A NON-EXCLUSIVE, IRREVOCABLE, PAID-UP LICENCE ON EACH INVENTION FOR ITS OWN PURPOSES AND FOR PURPOSES OF MUTUAL DEFENCE.

THE EXCHANGE GIVES FULL RIGHTS TO EACH GOVERNMENT IN ITS OWN COUNTRY AND PERMITS IT TO GRANT LICENCES TO INDUSTRY IN ACCORDANCE WITH