

I am pleased to inform you that the Canadian Government agrees to the construction and operation, by the Government of the United States, of radio broadcasting stations at Whitehorse, Watson Lake, Fort Nelson, Simpson and Norman Wells, subject to the following conditions:

(1) that the stations will be operated directly by the United States Government, and for the sole purpose of bringing entertainment and information to United States and Canadian military and civilian personnel;

(2) that the radio stations will be subject to the provisions of the Canadian Broadcasting Act, 1936, the Radio Act, 1938, the Regulations made under these Acts, and to all other applicable laws and regulations in force in Canada; provided that no fee or tax shall be paid by the United States Government to the Canadian Government in connection with the operation of these stations;

(3) that each station will be operated in accordance with the terms of an annual renewable permit to be issued by the Department of Transport;

(4) that authorization for the operation by the United States Government of the stations may be cancelled at any time by the Canadian Government, and in any case such authorization for operation shall cease with the termination of the war;

(5) that the stations may be used for the broadcasting of Canadian programs and in particular of Canadian news programs, it being understood that the amount of time to be set aside for Canadian programs will be subject to agreement between the Special Commissioner for Defence Projects in the Northwest, and the Commanding Officer of the United States Northwest Service Command;

(6) that the United States Government will make available to the Canadian Government its wire services for the transmission of Canadian news and Canadian programs to the stations;

(7) that the sites, frequencies, power, call letters and other technical details concerning the stations shall be subject to the approval of the Department of Transport and shall be arranged directly through the channel already established between the Controller of Radio of the Department of Transport, Ottawa, and the office of the Chief Signal Officer, Washington, in the same manner as for all other radio facilities of the United States Armed Forces in Canada. Any or all necessary changes in the foregoing particulars shall be dealt with through the same channel;

(8) that the stations will be dealt with after the war in accordance with the exchange of notes of January 27, 1943, between Canada and the United States, covering the post-war disposition of United States defence facilities in Canada;

(9) that any land or leasehold required by the United States Government as sites for the stations shall be acquired by the Canadian Government in its name, and shall be made available to the United States Government without charge.

I trust that the foregoing arrangements will be acceptable to the United States Government.

Yours sincerely,

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