

**EXCHANGE OF NOTES BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA CONSTITUTING AN AGREEMENT CONCERNING A JOINT PROGRAM IN THE FIELD OF EXPERIMENTAL REMOTE SENSING FROM SATELLITES AND AIRCRAFT (ERTS)**

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

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DEAR MR. SECRETARY,

I have the honour to refer to discussions between representatives of the Canadian Department of Energy, Mines and Resources and the United States National Aeronautics and Space Administration regarding proposals for a joint program in the field of experimental remote sensing from satellites and aircraft. The objectives of the proposed program are to study the application of earth observation satellites to the detection of environmental conditions at and near the surface of the earth.

The proposed program and the details for its implementation have been incorporated in the attached annex. It is understood that implementation and direction of the Canadian participation in the proposed program shall be the responsibility of the Department of Energy, Mines and Resources and that implementation and direction of the United States participation shall be the responsibility of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration. It is further understood that the proposed program shall be without prejudice to any rights and obligations of our governments under international law with respect to remote sensing activities.

If the proposed program meets with the approval of your government, I have the honour to propose that this note together with the annex hereto, which are authentic in English and French, and your reply to that effect, shall constitute an agreement between our two governments for cooperation in a joint program of experimental remote sensing from satellites and aircraft, to be effective from the date of your reply for a period of four years unless terminated earlier by either government upon six months notice, or extended by the mutual agreement of the two governments.

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