

**EXCHANGE OF NOTES BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA AND THE  
GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA CONSTITUTING AN  
AGREEMENT CONCERNING THE DEVELOPMENT AND PROCUREMENT OF A  
SPACE SHUTTLE ATTACHED REMOTE MANIPULATOR SYSTEM**

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

Washington, June 23, 1976

Excellency:

I have the honor to refer to the Memorandum of Understanding between the National Aeronautics and Space Administration of the United States of America and the National Research Council of Canada for a Cooperative Program concerning the Development and Procurement of a Space Shuttle Attached Remote Manipulator System which was signed for the National Research Council of Canada on July 18, 1975, (hereinafter referred to as the "Memorandum of Understanding").

Article XVIII of the Memorandum of Understanding provides, inter alia, that it shall enter into force upon confirmation of the Memorandum of Understanding by an exchange of notes between our two governments.

In consideration of the very productive and mutually beneficial co-operation which has existed between our two countries for many years in space projects, I have the honor to inform you that the Government of the United States of America confirms the provisions contained in the Memorandum of Understanding between the National Aeronautics and Space Administration of the United States of America and the National Research Council of Canada. It is recognized that the endeavor constitutes an important Canadian contribution to the development of space technology.

The Memorandum of Understanding provides that the National Research Council of Canada and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration will carry out design reviews from time to time and will agree on specific design requirements. Any such agreement upon specific design requirements will be recorded in a subsidiary document between the National Research Council of Canada and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

It is understood that the provision or transfer of any technology, hardware or technical assistance between Canada and the United States of America pursuant to the Memorandum of Understanding will be subject to the relevant laws and regulations in force from time to time in Canada and the United States of America, respectively.

It is further understood that, upon acceptance and checkout of the first remote manipulator system provided under the Memorandum of Understanding, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration accepts full responsibility for its operation and agrees to absolve the National Research Council of Canada and the Government of Canada for any loss, damage, injury or liability attributable to its operation or construction.

If the Government of Canada is prepared to confirm the Memorandum of Understanding, I propose that, in accordance with Article XVIII of the Memorandum of Understanding, the