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THE DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS ANNOUNCES THAT A BILATERAL AIR AGREEMENT WAS SIGNED IN OTTAWA ON SEPTEMBER 4, 1959 BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENTS OF CANADA AND WEST GERMANY. AN EXCHANGE OF NOTES OUTLINING ROUTE SCHEDULES ALSO TOOK PLACE. THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, MR. HOWARD GREEN, SIGNED FOR CANADA AND THE GERMAN AMBASSADOR HIS EXCELLENCY HERBERT SIEGFRIED FOR. GERMANY. THE AGREEMENT IS TO BE RATIFIED AND WILL COME INTO FORCE THIRTY DAYS AFTER THE EXCHANGE OF INSTRUMENTS OF RATIFICATION.

UNDER THE TERMS OF THE AGREEMENT TRANS-CANADA AIRLINES IS AUTHORIZED TO OPERATE AN AIR SERVICE BETWEEN CANADA AND DUSSEL-DORF AND THENCE TO VIENNA. AS WELL AS TO A SECOND POINT IN EUROPE TO BE SELECTED AT A LATER DATE. IN TURN LUFTHANSA IS AUTHORIZED TO OPERATE A SERVICE BETWEEN GERMANY AND MONTREAL AND THENCE TO CHICAGO AS WELL AS TO BOSTON OF TO NEW YORK WHEN CANADA SELECTS A SECOND POINT IN EUROPE.

IT WILL BE RECALLED THAT TRANS-CANADA AIRLINES HAS BEEN OPERATING A SERVICE TO DUSSELDORF SINCE 1952 AND LUFTHANSA HAS BEEN FLYING INTO MONTREAL AND ON TO CHICAGO SINCE 1956 UNDER

TEMPORARY ARRANGEMENTS.

THE AGREEMENT WAS NEGOTIATED BY DELEGATIONS FROM CANADA AND WEST GERMANY ON NOVEMBER 28, 1958 AND THE TERMS ARE CONSIDERED TO BE OPERATIVE PENDING RATIFICATION.

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