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AND NORTHERN IRELAND
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ET D'IRLANDE DU NORD
et
ÉTATS-UNIS D'AMÉRIQUE**

**Échange de notes constituant un accord relatif à l'éta-
blissement à des fins scientifiques, sur l'île de Zanzibar,
d'une station pour le repérage des engins spatiaux
et les communications avec ces engins. Londres, 14 oc-
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No. 5721. EXCHANGE OF NOTES CONSTITUTING AN AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA CONCERNING THE ESTABLISHMENT, FOR SCIENTIFIC PURPOSES, OF A SPACE VEHICLE TRACKING AND COMMUNICATIONS STATION IN THE ISLAND OF ZANZIBAR. LONDON, 14 OCTOBER 1960

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The United States Ambassador at London to the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs

EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

London, October 14, 1960

Sir :

I have the honor to refer to recent discussions between representatives of the Government of the United States of America and of the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland concerning a proposal that the Government of the United States should establish and operate, for scientific purposes, a station for space vehicle tracking and communications in the Island of Zanzibar. Such a station is required by the United States of America as part of a world-wide tracking range being established by the Government of the United States in connection with its manned satellite program, known as Project Mercury, under which the United States plans to place a manned earth satellite into orbital flight and to recover it.

The Government of the United Kingdom, desiring to cooperate with the Government of the United States in this scientific program, and thereby to contribute to the knowledge of man's spatial environment, has indicated its willingness to agree, after consultation with His Highness the Sultan of Zanzibar, to the request of the United States to establish the said tracking and communications station in the Island of Zanzibar and its willingness to make such arrangements as are necessary with the Government of Zanzibar in connection with the establishment and operation of the Station.

¹ Came into force on 14 October 1960 by the exchange of the said notes.

Accordingly, the Government of the United States proposes that this station shall be established and operated in accordance with the following provisions :

(1) The costs of constructing, installing, equipping and operating the station shall be borne wholly by the Government of the United States.

(2) (a) The Government of the United Kingdom shall use its best efforts to ensure that land areas and rights-of-way required for the station shall be made available to the Government of the United States. The specific site or sites and ancillary rights required for the station shall be as agreed upon by the authorized representatives of the two Governments. On the part of the Government of the United States, these shall be representatives of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (hereinafter referred to as " NASA "). On the part of the Government of the United Kingdom, these shall be representatives of the Government of Zanzibar.

(b) Rental costs for the land areas and rights-of-way required for the station shall be borne by the Government of the United States.

(3) The station shall include installations for telemetry, a ground to air transmitter, and a ground receiver; installations for point-to-point communications to the extent that communications requirements cannot be met by the authorized telecommunication carrier, who, for the purposes of this agreement, shall be Cable and Wireless Limited; and necessary supporting buildings and structures for offices, storage, housing, sanitation, and for other purposes which may be required. Buildings shall generally be of a standard prefabricated type, transportable and removable. Power for the station may, under license from the Zanzibar Electricity Board, be generated at the site or sites by equipment installed as part of the station, if the said Board itself is unable to supply power of the type and quantity required. Roads shall be constructed as necessary, at the expense of the Government of the United States, to connect the station with the local road system.

(4) The Government of the United Kingdom shall co-operate with the Government of the United States to determine the radio frequencies to be used for the station. All radio operations shall be conducted so as not to interfere with the services of installations in the Island of Zanzibar or in neighbouring territories, and shall comply at all times with the provisions of the International Telecommunication Convention.

(5) Construction of the station shall be by a United States contractor who shall, to the maximum extent feasible, employ local subcontractors, if available, and local labor to perform the required work. Maximum use shall be made of materials and supplies available locally. The Government of the United Kingdom shall, upon request, use its best efforts to assist the contractor in the local procurement of goods, materials, supplies and services required for the construction of the station.

(6) Special electronic and related equipment required for the station shall be equipment standardized for Project Mercury and shall be installed by United States technicians.