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No. 6054. EXCHANGE OF NOTES CONSTITUTING AN AGREEMENT<sup>1</sup> BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND CANADA RELATING TO IMPROVEMENTS IN THE CONTINENTAL AIR DEFENSE SYSTEM. OTTAWA, 27 SEPTEMBER 1961

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*The Canadian Secretary of State for External Affairs to the American Chargé d'Affaires  
ad interim*

DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
CANADA

No. 160

Sir,

I have the honour to refer to discussions in the Canada-United States Ministerial Committee on Joint Defence and to the recommendations of the Commander-in-Chief, North American Air Defence Command, concerning the extension and strengthening of the continental air defence system, including the establishment of long range surface-to-air missile sites in Canada.

The Canadian Government, in statements of September 28, 1958 and February 20, 1959, indicated that BOMARC missile bases would be established in Canada, that the PINETREE radar system would be strengthened by the addition of a number of main radar stations and gap filler radars ; and that semiautomatic ground environment (SAGE) electronic control and computing equipment would be installed in Canada.

In the discussions between representatives of our two Governments, the importance of satisfactory cost-sharing arrangements for these new programmes was recognized. Understandings concerning the distribution of financial responsibility between the two Governments were reached. Discussions of cost-sharing arrangements were conducted against the background of past understandings between our two Governments, particularly, the "Statement of Principles for Economic Cooperation" of October 1950,<sup>2</sup> and the continuing discussions between our two Govern-

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<sup>1</sup> Came into force on 27 September 1961 by the exchange of the said notes.

<sup>2</sup> According to the information provided by the United States of America the date should read 26 October 1950 ; see United Nations, *Treaty Series*, Vol. 132, p. 247.

ments designed to give effect to their joint determination to assure the most economical and effective use of the defence production capabilities of both countries. Primary consideration was given to the fact that these new and costly undertakings are designed to enhance the joint security of Canada and the United States.

It was recognized as well that further consideration would have to be given to the operational procedures and costs involved in the use of certain of the new facilities when established, in the light of the joint responsibility exercised by the two Governments for the operations of the North American Air Defence Command. Arrangements in this respect will be dealt with in a separate agreement between the appropriate agencies of our two Governments.

My Government now proposes that the conditions set out in the attached Annex,<sup>1</sup> which accord with the understandings reached between representatives of our two Governments, should govern the financing, installation and operation of the facilities in Canada now required to strengthen and extend the continental air defence system. If these conditions are acceptable to your Government, I propose that this Note and Annex, and your reply, should constitute an agreement between our two Governments, effective from the date of your reply.

Accept, Sir, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

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Secretary of State for External Affairs

Ottawa, September 27, 1961  
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#### A N N E X

##### STATEMENT OF CONDITIONS GOVERNING THE FINANCING, INSTALLATION AND OPERATION OF FACILITIES IN CANADA REQUIRED TO STRENGTHEN AND EXTEND THE CONTINENTAL AIR DEFENCE SYSTEM

(Hereafter, unless the context otherwise requires, "Canada" means the Government of Canada, "United States" means the Government of the United States of America, and "facilities" means the facilities defined in paragraph 1 of this Annex).

#### 1. *Facilities*

The arrangements set out below will apply to the construction and installation of  
a) seven new heavy radar sites ; b) forty-five gap filler radar sites ; c) one SAGE Combat

<sup>1</sup> See below.