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**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
and
CANADA**

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**ÉTATS-UNIS D'AMÉRIQUE
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Échange de notes constituant un accord relatif à la coordination et à l'utilisation des fréquences radiophoniques de plus de 30 mégacycles par seconde (avec annexe technique). Ottawa, 24 octobre 1962

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No. 6672. EXCHANGE OF NOTES CONSTITUTING AN AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND CANADA RELATING TO THE COORDINATION AND USE OF RADIO FREQUENCIES ABOVE 30 MEGACYCLES PER SECOND. OTTAWA, 24 OCTOBER 1962

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

EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Ottawa, October 24, 1962

No. 107

Dear Sir :

I have the honour to refer to discussions which have taken place between representatives of the Government of Canada and the Government of the United States of America relating to the coordination and use of radio frequencies above thirty megacycles per second. In the course of these discussions, the sovereign right of each country to regulate its use of radio frequencies was acknowledged. Also, the desirability of providing for adequate spectrum space to meet equitably the requirements of the radio services of both Canada and the United States, now and in the future, was recognized. In addition, the representatives recognized that it was to the mutual advantage of both countries to avoid harmful interference to each other's radio services and they noted the major developments that have taken place and are taking place in both countries in that part of the radio frequency spectrum allocated internationally by the International Telecommunication Union from thirty megacycles per second (30 Mc/s) up to forty gigacycles per second (40 Gc/s).

In the interest of efficient spectrum management the representatives have made the following proposals and drafted the attached Technical Annex which constitutes a part of them :

(1) The two countries will continue to recognize those frequency arrangements already in effect for bands above 30 Mc/s as described in the Technical Annex ;

¹ Came into force on 24 October 1962 by the exchange of the said notes.

(2) They will establish, where mutually determined as being feasible and desirable, arrangements for the coordination of radio frequency assignments in those bands above 30 Mc/s for which there are no existing procedures ;

(3) Where mutually determined as being feasible and desirable, and in order to facilitate development in both countries, joint frequency allotment plans should be developed by Canada and the United States for particular frequency bands and radio services above 30 Mc/s ;

(4) The arrangements referred to in sub-paragraphs (2) and (3) above shall be as specified in the Technical Annex ;

(5) Additional frequency bands, in which frequency coordination procedures should be developed or in which frequency allotment plans should be developed, may be added from time to time to the Technical Annex by listing them in the Index thereto, together with the designation of the Agencies responsible for such development ;

(6) (a) The procedure to be followed in amending the Index to the Technical Annex as envisaged in sub-paragraph (5) would be that specified in sub-paragraph (12) (a) below ;

(b) The modification of frequency coordination procedures or joint frequency allotment plans in a particular band shall be the responsibility of the Agencies specified in the Index to the Technical Annex ;

(7) (a) Radio broadcasting shall continue to be the subject of separate agreements and therefore is excluded from the provisions of this Note ;

(b) The coordination and use of frequencies by the amateur radio service are excluded from the provisions of this Note ;

(8) In those bands where frequency coordination procedures have been established, when it is considered that the use of frequencies at locations not included in such procedures might result in harmful interference to the radio services of the other country, the assignment of the frequencies involved may, to the extent practicable, be the subject of special coordination by the Agencies authorized by the two Governments as specified in the Technical Annex ;

(9) The authorized Agencies shall be responsible in their respective countries for the implementation of the frequency coordination procedures and joint frequency allotment plans provided for in this Note, as specified in the Technical Annex ;

(10) It is recognized that existing coordination channels are adequate and nothing in this Note is intended to be construed as indicating a need for change in such channels unless and until such change is considered desirable by both parties hereto ;

(11) This Note shall not be deemed to affect or supersede any other international agreements in the field of telecommunications in force for either country ;

(12) (a) This Note may be amended by an Exchange of Notes between authorized representatives of the two Governments ;

(b) Any amendments or modifications to the Technical Annex other than those provided for in sub-paragraph (5) will be effected administratively by the Agencies specified either in the Technical Annex or in the Exchange of Notes provided for under sub-paragraph (6) (a) ;

(c) All amendments or modifications made pursuant to sub-paragraph (12) (b) above shall be notified to the Department of External Affairs of Canada and the Department of State of the United States of America by the respective Agencies of each country.

Accordingly, I propose that this Note with the Technical Annex and your reply shall constitute an Agreement for the coordination and use of radio frequencies above 30 megacycles per second between our two Governments, effective from the date of your reply. Furthermore, because of its nature, I propose that, if you concur, this Agreement may only be terminated by either country giving twelve months' notice, in writing, of its intention to terminate the Agreement.

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

Ivan B. WHITE
Chargé d'Affaires ad interim

The Honorable Howard C. Green, P.C., Q.C., M.P.
Secretary of State for External Affairs
Ottawa

TECHNICAL ANNEX TO THE EXCHANGE OF NOTES BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA CONSTITUTING AN AGREEMENT FOR RADIO FREQUENCY COORDINATION AND USE OF RADIO FREQUENCIES ABOVE 30 MEGACYCLES PER SECOND.¹

INDEX TO THE TECHNICAL ANNEX LISTING FREQUENCY BANDS, AUTHORIZED COORDINATION AGENCIES OR CHANNELS, AND ARRANGEMENTS

Item	Frequency Bands Mc/s	Authorized Coordination Agencies or Channels		Coordination Arrangements and Remarks
		U.S.	Canada	
1	30.56-32.0	FCC	DOT	Arrangement A
2	33.0-34.0	FCC	DOT	Arrangement A
3	35.0-36.0	FCC	DOT	Arrangement A
4	37.0-38.0	FCC	DOT	Arrangement A
5	39.0-40.0	FCC	DOT	Arrangement A
6	42.0-46.6	FCC	DOT	Arrangement A
7	46.6-47.0	IRAC	DOT	ITU RR 228
8	47.0-49.6	FCC	DOT	Arrangement A
9	49.6-50.0	IRAC	DOT	ITU RR 228
10	72.0-74.6	FCC	DOT	Arrangement A
11	74.6-75.4	FAA	DOT	Arrangement B

¹ See p. 68 of this volume.

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Item	Frequency Band Mc/s	Authorized Coordination Agencies or Channels		Coordination Arrangements and Remarks
		U.S.	Canada	
12	75.4-76.0	FCC	DOT	Arrangement A
13	108.0-117.975	DOT	DOT	Arrangement B
14	117.975-121.975	FAA	DOT	Arrangement B
15	121.975-123.075	FCC	DOT	Arrangement B
16	123.075-123.575	FCC	DOT	Arrangement B
17	123.575-128.825	FAA	DOT	Arrangement B
18	128.825-132.025	FCC	DOT	Arrangement B
19	132.025-136.0	FAA	DOT	Arrangement B
20	137.0-144.0	JCS	CCS*	Arrangement C
21	150.8-174.0	FCC	DOT	Arrangement A
22	162.0-174.0	IRAC	DOT	Arrangement D
23	216.0-225.0	JCS	CCS*	Arrangement C
24	328.6-335.4	FAA	DOT	Arrangement B
25	420.0-450.0	JCS	CCS*	Arrangement C
26	450.0-470.0	FCC	DOT	Arrangement A
27	890.0-942.0	JCS	CCS*	Arrangement C
28	942.0-960.0	FCC	DOT	Arrangement A
29	960.0-1215.0	FAA	DOT	Arrangement B
30	1215.0-1400.0	JCS	CCS*	Arrangement C
31	1300.0-1350.0	FAA	DOT	Arrangement C
32	1400.0-1427.0			Coordination not required
33	1535.0-1660.0			Coordination not required at this time
34	1850.0-2200.0	FCC	DOT	Arrangement A
35	2300.0-2450.0	JCS	CCS*	Arrangement C
36	2450.0-2700.0			Coordination not required at this time
37	2700.0-2900.0	FAA	DOT	Arrangement C
38	2700.0-3700.0	JCS	CCS*	Arrangement C
39	2900.0-3100.0	IRAC	DOT	Arrangement C
40	3700.0-4200.0	FCC	DOT	Arrangement A
41	4200.0-4400.0			Coordination not required at this time
42	5000.0-5250.0			Coordination not required at this time
43	5250-5925.0	JCS	CCS*	Arrangement C
44	5460.0-5650.0	IRAC	DOT	Arrangement C
45	5925.0-7125.0	FCC	DOT	Arrangement A
46	8400.0-8500.0			Coordination not required at this time
47	8500.0-10500.0	JCS	CCS*	Arrangement C
48	9000.0-9200.0	FAA	DOT	Arrangement C
49	9300.0-9500.0	IRAC	DOT	Arrangement C
<i>Gc/s</i>				
50	10.55-1325	FCC	DOT	Arrangement A
51	13.25-13.4			Coordination not required at this time
52	13.4-14.0	JCS	CCS*	Arrangement C
53	14.0-15.7			Coordination not required at this time
54	15.7-17.7	JCS	CCS*	Arrangement C

* Authorized coordination channel only.