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**UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS
and
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

**Memorandum of Understanding (with annex) regarding the
establishment of a direct communications link. Signed
at Geneva, on 20 June 1963**

Official texts: Russian and English.

*Registered by the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and the United States of
America on 29 July 1963.*

**UNION DES RÉPUBLIQUES SOCIALISTES
SOVIÉTIQUES
et
ÉTATS-UNIS D'AMÉRIQUE**

**Mémoire d'accord (avec annexe) relatif à l'établisse-
ment d'une ligne de communications directe. Signé à
Genève, le 20 juin 1963**

Textes officiels russe et anglais.

*Enregistré par l'Union des Républiques socialistes soviétiques et les États-Unis
d'Amérique le 29 juillet 1963.*

No. 6839. MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING¹ BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS REGARDING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A DIRECT COMMUNICATIONS LINK. SIGNED AT GENEVA, ON 20 JUNE 1963

For use in time of emergency the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics have agreed to establish as soon as technically feasible a direct communications link between the two Governments.

Each Government shall be responsible for the arrangements for the link on its own territory. Each Government shall take the necessary steps to ensure continuous functioning of the link and prompt delivery to its head of government of any communications received by means of the link from the head of government of the other party.

Arrangements for establishing and operating the link are set forth in the Annex which is attached hereto and forms an integral part hereof.

DONE in duplicate in the English and Russian languages at Geneva, Switzerland, this 20th day of June, 1963.

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of the United States of America :

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¹ Came into force on 20 June 1963, the date of signature.