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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 DEFENCE CO-OPERATION ARRANGEMENTS

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The Secretary of State, Washington, to Her Majesty's Ambassador at Washington

THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE
WASHINGTON

27 May 1993

Excellency,

I have the honor to refer to recent discussions which have taken place between representatives of the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland concerning defense co-operation arrangements between our two Governments. These discussions reflect the mutual desire of our two Governments, in the exercise of their national and mutual defense responsibilities within the North Atlantic Treaty Organization for the security, *inter alia*, of the United States and the United Kingdom to facilitate the process of co-operation in defense matters by providing a clear and consistent basis for such co-operation, to recognize the good faith with which both our Governments have heretofore carried out their commitments to each other in the defense area, and to ensure that the respective interests of each Government are fairly respected under international law.

I have the further honor to refer to the Agreement Between the Parties to the North Atlantic Treaty Regarding the Status of Their Forces (NATO SOFA) signed at London on 19 June 1951,² which, *inter alia*, defines the terms "force" and "civilian components" and establishes procedures for resolution of certain claims arising from damage to property and death or injury to persons caused in connection with the operation of the North Atlantic Treaty; and to the NATO Agreement on the Communication of Technical Information for Defence Purposes signed at Brussels on 19 October 1970,³ which provides, *inter alia*, that recipient States which receive in confidence proprietary technical information for defense purposes are responsible for safeguarding it and that the owners of proprietary technical information which has been communicated for defense purposes who are damaged through the unauthorized disclosure or use of the information by a recipient state or by someone to whom this recipient has disclosed the information must be compensated by the recipient.

¹ Came into force on 27 May 1993, the date of the note in reply, in accordance with the provisions of the said notes.

² United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 199, p. 67.

³ *Ibid.*, vol. 800, p. 5.