

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
and
CANADA**

Exchange of notes (with annex) constituting an agreement relating to communications facilities in Newfoundland. Ottawa, 4 and 8 November 1952

Exchange of notes (with annex) constituting an agreement amending the above-mentioned Agreement. Ottawa, 1 May and 31 July 1953

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**ÉTATS-UNIS D'AMÉRIQUE
et
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Échange de notes (avec annexe) constituant un accord relatif à l'établissement d'installations de communications à Terre-Neuve. Ottawa, 4 et 8 novembre 1952

Échange de notes (avec annexe) constituant un accord modifiant l'Accord susmentionné. Ottawa, 1^{er} mai et 31 juillet 1953

Texte officiel anglais.

Enregistrés par les États-Unis d'Amérique le 4 mars 1955.

No. 2796. EXCHANGE OF NOTES CONSTITUTING AN AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND CANADA RELATING TO COMMUNICATIONS FACILITIES IN NEWFOUNDLAND. OTTAWA, 4 AND 8 NOVEMBER 1952

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*The American Ambassador to the Canadian Acting Secretary of State
for External Affairs*

THE FOREIGN SERVICE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

UNITED STATES EMBASSY

No. 70

Ottawa, November 4, 1952

Excellency :

I have the honor to refer to plans developed by the United States Air Force to modernize existing communications facilities which are essential to the operation of the Newfoundland Bases and to American air and other operations in north-eastern Canada and the North Atlantic area. The improved facilities will serve communications needs important to Canada, to the United States and to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization. Their construction will require the use of certain lands in the vicinity of Stephenville, Newfoundland, described in the annex to this note.

In order to implement the plans referred to above the United States Air Force for its part undertakes to bear the capital investment required to construct these communications facilities, as well as the cost of operating them. I propose to Your Excellency that the Government of Canada for its part, taking into account the value and importance of these facilities to both our Governments, undertake to make the lands referred to above available to the United States for its exclusive use for the purpose of installing and operating these facilities, which are to be used solely for military purposes.

It would be agreeable to the United States if the land necessary for the construction of these facilities were acquired by the Government of Canada, which

¹ Came into force on 8 November 1952 by the exchange of the said notes.

would retain title to it and make it available to the United States Air Force for the purposes described above on the following terms and conditions, which have been arranged in recent discussions between representatives of our two Governments :

- 1) This land will be available without charge to the United States for its exclusive use while there is a continuing need for the facilities for defense communications in the mutual interest of both countries. In the event that either Government wishes to discontinue the arrangement, the question of continuing need will be referred to the Permanent Joint Board on Defence. In considering the question of need, the Permanent Joint Board on Defence will take into account the relationship of the communications facilities erected on this land with those established at or in the vicinity of Goose Bay.
- 2) If it is decided at any time in the future by either Government, following consideration by the Permanent Joint Board on Defence as provided above, that the facilities are no longer necessary for mutual defence purposes, the land together with any immovable facilities on it will, on twelve months' notice, revert to the use of the Canadian Government.
- 3) Any movable property placed on the land by the United States may be removed by the United States at any time prior to the evacuation of the property by U. S. Forces, or within a reasonable time thereafter.
- 4) Arrangements respecting such technical matters as frequencies and powers and the location, marking and lighting of antenna masts will be coordinated with the Royal Canadian Air Force and with the Department of Transport of Canada and will be subject to the approval of the Department of Transport.

If the foregoing is acceptable to your Government this note and your reply shall be regarded as constituting an agreement having immediate effect from the date of your reply.

Accept, Excellency, the renewed assurances of my most distinguished consideration.

Stanley WOODWARD

Ambassador of the United States of America

His Excellency Brooke Claxton
Acting Secretary of State for External Affairs
Ottawa

ANNEX

- 1) 640 acres in the West Bay area for the construction of a transmitter station. The coordinates of the center of the site are North 48° 37' 05'' West 58° 59' 06''.