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Protocol between the
Governments of the United Kingdom of Great Britain
and Northern Ireland and of the
United States of America covering
Exclusive Telecommunications Arrangements

Bermuda, 4th December, 1945

*Presented by the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs
to Parliament by Command of His Majesty*

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THE United Kingdom and United States Delegations agree that:—

1. The United Kingdom Government will inform the Saudi Arabian Government that they understand that the United States Government are anxious that the Saudi Arabian Government should modify their agreement with the Eastern Telegraph Company in such a way as to permit of the erection by a United States Company of a radiotelegraph station, to be the property of the Saudi Arabian Government, for the purpose of operating a direct radiotelegraph circuit between Saudi Arabia and the United States, and that if the Saudi Arabian Government wish to avail themselves of this offer, the United Kingdom Government would not wish the agreement between the Eastern Telegraph Company and the Saudi Arabian Government to stand in their way. It is understood that the question of any further modifications of the concession required to permit of the operation of other direct radiotelegraph circuits by the Saudi Arabian Government would be for determination by the latter.

2. Should the Greek and United States Governments desire to establish a direct radiotelegraph circuit between their two countries, the United Kingdom Government will agree to promote the establishment of such a circuit as soon as the new United Kingdom body succeeds to the rights and obligations of Cable and Wireless Limited.

3. Should the United Kingdom Government desire to open direct radiotelegraph circuits with any countries with which United States companies may have exclusive arrangements, the United States Government will use their good offices with the United States companies and the Governments concerned to meet these requests.

4. Should it hereafter appear that any companies under the jurisdiction of the United Kingdom or the United States Governments hold exclusive arrangements in countries other than those referred to above, and should the United Kingdom or United States Government, as the case may be, desire to see established direct radiotelegraph circuits with such countries, the other Government will use their good offices with their companies and the Governments concerned to this end.

5. All direct radiotelegraph circuits set up under this Protocol shall, subject to the concurrence of the Governments concerned, be open to

transit traffic only on the conditions set out in the Agreement signed at the Bermuda Telecommunications Conference 1945.⁽¹⁾

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