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Treaty Series No. 65 (1959)

Exchange of Notes

between the Government

of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
and the Government of the United States of America

concerning the Establishment and Operation
of a Radar Station on the Island of
Grand Turk in the Turks and Caicos
Islands

Washington. March 16/April 16. 1959

*Presented to Parliament by the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs
by Command of Her Majesty
September 1959*

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EXCHANGE OF NOTES BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA CONCERNING THE ESTABLISHMENT AND OPERATION OF A RADAR STATION ON THE ISLAND OF GRAND TURK IN THE TURKS AND CAICOS ISLANDS

No. 1

The United States Acting Secretary of State to Her Majesty's Ambassador at Washington

Excellency :

Washington, March 16, 1959.

I have the honor to refer to the Agreement between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, signed at Washington on January 15, 1952, concerning the extension of the Bahamas Long Range Proving Ground for Guided Missiles to include the territory of the Turks and Caicos Islands.⁽¹⁾ and, in particular, to Article IV thereof which relates to the provision of Sites for the purpose of the operation of the Flight Testing Range.

The Government of the United States desires to utilize the said Proving Ground, as extended, for the further purpose of observing and tracking the course of artificial earth satellites and other space vehicles to be released from the existing launching area in the vicinity of Cape Canaveral, Florida, United States of America. Therefore, I wish to propose that, to enable suitable equipment to be set up on the Island of Grand Turk, the observing and tracking of artificial earth satellites and other space vehicles shall be regarded as part of the operation of the Flight Testing Range for the purposes of the said Agreement of January 15, 1952, and that the Government of the United States shall accordingly be granted the right to establish, maintain and operate artificial space vehicle tracking equipment within a Site on the Island of Grand Turk provided in accordance with the procedure and subject to the terms and conditions set forth in said Agreement.

If the foregoing proposal is acceptable to the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland I have the honor to suggest that this note together with Your Excellency's reply in that sense should be regarded as constituting an Agreement between the two Governments, which shall take effect immediately and shall remain in force until the 20th day of July 1975.

Accept &c.

For the Acting Secretary of State :

LIVINGSTON T. MERCHANT.

⁽¹⁾ "Treaty Series No. 10 (1952)," Cmd: 8485.

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No. 2

*Her Majesty's Ambassador at Washington to the United States Acting
Secretary of State*

Sir, *Washington, D.C., April 16, 1959*

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your Note of the 16th of March, 1959, which reads as follows:—

[As in No. 1.]

2. In reply I have the honour to inform you that the proposal set forth in your Note is acceptable to the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and that they agree to regard that Note together with this reply as constituting an Agreement between the two Governments which shall take effect immediately from the date of this Note and shall remain in force until the 20th day of July, 1975.

I avail. &c.

HAROLD CACCIA.

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