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OF AMERICA



Treaty Series No. 131 (1972)

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 Transfer of certain Areas of
Eleuthera from the United States Air Force
to the United States Navy under the
Terms of the Agreement for the
Establishment of Oceanographic Research
Stations in the Bahama Islands of
1 November 1957

Nassau, 9 August 1971 and 17 February 1972

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by the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs
by Command of Her Majesty
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OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND AND THE
GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
CONCERNING THE TRANSFER OF CERTAIN AREAS OF
ELEUTHERA FROM THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE TO
THE UNITED STATES NAVY UNDER THE TERMS OF THE
AGREEMENT FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF
OCEANOGRAPHIC RESEARCH STATIONS IN THE BAHAMA
ISLANDS OF 1 NOVEMBER 1957**

No. 1

*The Consul General of the United States of America at Nassau to the
Acting Governor of the Bahamas*

Consulate General of the

United States of America,

Nassau, August 9, 1971.

No. 100

Excellency,

I have the honor to advise you that as a result of changes in operational requirements and arrangements between the United States Air Force and Navy, the Air Force Auxiliary Airfield, Eleuthera, is being disestablished as an Air Force activity.

It is now proposed to transfer certain areas which were previously controlled by the U.S. Air Force and held by the United States Government under the Long Range Proving Ground Agreement signed July 21, 1950,⁽¹⁾ to the U.S. Navy as part of the U.S. Naval Facility, Eleuthera, under the terms of the Agreement for the Establishment of Oceanographic Research Stations in the Bahama Islands, signed November 1, 1957.⁽²⁾ The tracts involved are listed and described in Attachment 1⁽³⁾ (Metes and Bounds) and are shown in Attachment 2⁽⁴⁾ (Real Estate Maps).

If the foregoing proposal is acceptable to the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, I have the honor to propose that the present Note and attachments thereto, together with Your Excellency's reply in that sense, shall constitute an Agreement between the two Governments which shall enter into force on the date of Your Excellency's reply.

Accept, Excellency, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

MONCRIEFF J. SPEAR

(1) Treaty Series No. 74 (1950), Cmd. 8109.

(2) Treaty Series No. 1 (1958), Cmnd. 343.

(3) Not reproduced.

(4) Not reproduced.

No. 2

*The Deputy Governor of the Bahamas to the
Consul General of the United States of America at Nassau
Government House,
Bahamas.*

Sir,

17th February, 1972.

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Note No. 100 of the 9th August, 1971 which reads as follows:

[As in No. 1]

2. In reply I have the honour to inform you that the foregoing proposal is acceptable to the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland who therefore agree to your suggestion that your Note and the attachments to it together with this reply should be regarded as constituting an Agreement between the two Governments in this matter which shall enter into force immediately.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

L. M. DAVIES

Deputy Governor