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Treaty Series No. 86 (1979)

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 use of the Louisiana Offshore Oil Port
(LOOP) by Vessels registered in the United Kingdom,
the West Indies Associated States or its other Territories
or flying the flag of the United Kingdom

Washington, 14/25 May 1979

[The Agreement entered into force on 25 May 1979]

*Presented to Parliament
by the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs
by Command of Her Majesty
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BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OF
GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND AND THE
GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
CONCERNING THE USE OF THE LOUISIANA OFFSHORE OIL
PORT (LOOP) BY VESSELS REGISTERED IN THE UNITED
KINGDOM, THE WEST INDIES ASSOCIATED STATES OR ITS
OTHER TERRITORIES OR FLYING THE FLAG OF THE
UNITED KINGDOM

No. 1

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

*Department of State,
Washington*

Excellency:

14 May 1979

I have the honor to refer to the discussions which have taken place between representatives of our two Governments in connection with the establishment of deepwater ports off the coast of the United States and the jurisdictional requirements of the United States Deepwater Port Act of 1974, and to confirm that the two Governments are in agreement that vessels registered in the United Kingdom, the West Indies Associated States or its other territories or flying the flag of the United Kingdom and the personnel on board such vessels utilizing the Louisiana Offshore Oil Port (LOOP, Inc.), a deepwater port facility established under the Deepwater Port Act of 1974, for the purposes stated therein shall, whenever they may be present within the safety zone of such deepwater port, be subject to the jurisdiction of the United States and the United Kingdom on the same basis as when in coastal ports of the United States.

It is the understanding of the Government of the United States and of the Government of the United Kingdom that this agreement shall not apply to vessels registered in the United Kingdom, the West Indies Associated States or its other territories or flying the flag of the United Kingdom merely passing through the safety zone of the Louisiana Offshore Oil Port without calling at or otherwise utilizing the port.

If the foregoing is acceptable to the Government of the United Kingdom, I have the honor to propose that this note, together with your reply thereto, shall constitute an Agreement between our two Governments, to enter into force upon the date of your reply to that effect, and to remain in force until terminated by six months' written notice by either party to the other.

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

For the Secretary of State:
RICHARD K. BANK

No. 2

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

*British Embassy,
Washington*

25 May 1979

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your Note of 14 May 1979, the terms of which are as follows:

[As in No. 1]

I have the honour to inform you that the foregoing proposals are acceptable to the Government of the United Kingdom, who therefore agree that your Note, together with the present reply, shall constitute an Agreement between the two Governments in this matter, which shall enter into force from today and remain in force until terminated by six months' written notice by either party to the other.

Accept, Sir, the assurance of my highest consideration.

PETER JAY