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**UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND
NORTHERN IRELAND
and
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

**Exchange of Notes regarding the use of Gander Airport by
United States airlines. London, 21 and 23 May 1947**

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**ROYAUME-UNI DE GRANDE-BRETAGNE ET
D'IRLANDE DU NORD
et
ETATS-UNIS D'AMERIQUE**

**Echange de notes concernant l'utilisation de l'aérodrome de
Gander par des entreprises de transports aériens des
Etats-Unis. Londres, 21 et 23 mai 1947**

Texte officiel anglais communiqué par le représentant permanent du Royaume-Uni auprès de l'Organisation des Nations Unies. L'enregistrement a eu lieu le 26 novembre 1947.

No. 159. EXCHANGE OF NOTES¹ BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA REGARDING THE USE OF GANDER AIRPORT BY UNITED STATES AIRLINES. LONDON, 21 AND 23 MAY 1947

No. 1

Mr. Ernest Bevin to Mr. Lewis W. Douglas

FOREIGN OFFICE

21st May, 1947

Your Excellency,

I have the honour to state that His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom, after consultation with the Government of Newfoundland and in accordance with the understandings arrived at in the course of the discussions leading up to the signing of the Bermuda Agreement on 11th February, 1946,² have pleasure in informing the Government of the United States of America that an airline or airlines designated by the United States of America, in accordance with Article 2 (i) of the Agreement between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the United States of America signed on 11th February, 1946, may enjoy at Gander Airport, Newfoundland, on routes 1 to 5 of Section III (b) of the Annex to that Agreement the rights set out in Section I of that Annex on the following understandings:—

- (a) that the grant of the rights mentioned above is subject to the observance of, and is to be governed by, the provisions of the Final Act³ of the Bermuda Civil Aviation Conference signed on 11th February, 1946, and of the Agreement of 11th February, 1946, referred to above; and

¹ Came into force on 23 May 1947, by the exchange of said notes.

² United Nations, *Treaty Series*, Volume 3, page 253.

³ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, Volume 3, page 278.

(b) that similar rights will be granted, at a point or points to be agreed in the territory of the United States of America, to any airline designated by His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom on behalf of the Government of Newfoundland for the operation of air services on routes operating to or through the United States of America.

2. I am to add that, if and when as a result of any Constitutional change affecting the status of Newfoundland, His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom ceases to act on behalf of Newfoundland in such matters as are referred to in this note, His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom agrees for its part that the provisions of this note should no longer apply and that a new agreement in such terms as may be appropriate should be entered into between the United States of America and Newfoundland or such other State as may be empowered to act in that connexion on behalf of Newfoundland.

3. I have the honour to propose that if the provisions of the present note are acceptable to the Government of the United States of America, the present note and your Excellency's reply should be regarded as constituting an agreement supplemental to the Agreement of 11th February, 1946¹, and should be registered as such with the International Civil Aviation Organisation.

I have, &c.

(Signed) ERNEST BEVIN

No. 2

Mr. Lewis W. Douglas to Mr. Ernest Bevin

EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

23rd May, 1947

Your Excellency,

I have the honour to acknowledge your Excellency's note of 21st May, 1947, relating to the Amendment supplemental to the Agreement of 11th February, 1946, governing civil air services between the United States and the United Kingdom.

I am instructed to inform you that this note is satisfactory to my Government and that this letter constitutes acceptance of the proposed Amendment.

Accept, &c.

(Signed) L. W. DOUGLAS

¹ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, Volume 3, page 253.