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**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
and
CANADA**

**Exchange of notes constituting an agreement relating to
the transfer of Loran Stations in Newfoundland to the
Canadian Government. Ottawa, 26 and 30 June 1953**

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**ÉTATS-UNIS D'AMÉRIQUE
et
CANADA**

**Échange de notes constituant un accord concernant le trans-
fert au Gouvernement canadien des stations de Loran
à Terre-Neuve. Ottawa, 26 et 30 juin 1953**

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No. 2914. EXCHANGE OF NOTES CONSTITUTING AN AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND CANADA RELATING TO THE TRANSFER OF LORAN STATIONS IN NEWFOUNDLAND TO THE CANADIAN GOVERNMENT. OTTAWA, 26 AND 30 JUNE 1953

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*The Canadian Secretary of State for External Affairs to the
American Chargé d'Affaires ad interim*

DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

CANADA

No. 182

Ottawa, June 26, 1953

Sir,

I have the honour to refer to my Note No. D-166 of June 16, 1952,² in which the Canadian Government "agreed in principle to accept responsibility for the operation of the Loran stations at Port aux Basques, Battle Harbour and Bonavista" which are operated at present by the United States Coast Guard.

Annexed to this Note are the conditions which the Canadian Government proposes should govern the transfer of these stations. If these conditions are acceptable to your Government, I should like to suggest that this Note and your reply shall constitute the transfer agreement, effective on the date of your reply.

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

L. D. WILGRESS

For the Secretary of State for External Affairs

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Ottawa

¹ Came into force on 30 June 1953, by the exchange of the said notes.

² Not printed by the Department of State of the United States of America.

CONDITIONS RELATING TO THE TRANSFER FROM THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT TO THE CANADIAN GOVERNMENT OF LORAN STATIONS AT PORT AUX BASQUES, BONAVISTA, AND BATTLE HARBOUR, NEWFOUNDLAND

The ownership, management, and control of these stations shall be transferred by the United States Coast Guard, acting for the United States Government, to the Department of Transport, acting for the Canadian Government, on September 1, 1953, or on such other date as may be agreed between the United States Coast Guard and the Department of Transport.

2. All buildings, fixed station equipment and non-consumable items at each station, including the recommended complement of spare parts for each equipment, will be transferred to the Department of Transport free of charge.

3. Consumable items on hand at each station at the time of transfer, in accordance with the following schedule, will be transferred to the Department of Transport on a reimbursable basis at current prices. The United States Coast Guard and the Department of Transport may settle arbitrary amounts to cover the price of the items at each station, as it may in practice be found difficult to calculate the actual current prices of the consumable items listed. The following is the schedule.

Port aux Basques

Fuel Oil	Tank capacity approximately
Lubricating Oil	6 months' supply approximately
Gasoline	6 months' supply approximately
Commissary Supplies	1 month's supply approximately

Bonavista

Fuel Oil	Tank capacity approximately
Lubricating Oil	6 months' supply approximately
Gasoline	Tank capacity approximately
Commissary Supplies	1 month's supply approximately

Battle Harbour

Fuel Oil	Tank capacity approximately
Lubricating Oil	1 year's supply approximately
Gasoline	1 year's supply approximately
Perishable Commissary Supplies	6 months' supply approximately
Non-Perishable Commissary Supplies	1 year's supply approximately

4. If the United States Government or the United States Coast Guard holds title to or any legal interest in any of the land at these stations, such titles or interests shall be legally transferred to the Department of Transport acting for the Canadian Government.

5. In accepting the transfer of these stations it is the intention of the Canadian Government through the Department of Transport to continue their operation and maintenance in the interests of both governments. In the event of the Canadian Government deciding at any time to discontinue the operation of any or all of the stations, the Canadian Government will first enter into consultation with the United States Government on the proposal. If, following such consultation, the United States Government does not concur in the discontinuance of the operation of the station, the matter shall be referred for study and report to the Permanent Joint Board on Defence. Any decision

by the Canadian Government will be postponed until the receipt of the report from the Permanent Joint Board on Defence and will take into consideration the views of the Permanent Joint Board on Defence.

6. In the event of the Canadian Government discontinuing the operation of a station pursuant to the procedure set forth above, the United States Government may remove from the station, within a period of one year after notice is received from the Canadian Government, any buildings or parts of buildings or equipment which were transferred to the Canadian Government free of charge pursuant to paragraph 2 above and which remain in existence. After the expiration of this period of one year, all such buildings and equipment shall become the property of the Canadian Government.

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*The American Chargé d'Affaires ad interim to the Canadian
Secretary of State for External Affairs*

THE FOREIGN SERVICE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Note No. 293

June 30, 1953

Excellency :

With reference to Note No. 182 of the Department of External Affairs, dated June 26, 1953, I have the honor to inform you that my Government accepts the conditions annexed thereto for the transfer to Canada of the Loran stations at Port aux Basques, Battle Harbor and Bonavista at present operated by the United States Coast Guard.

My Government further agrees that your Note and annex shall, together with my present Note, constitute the transfer agreement between our Governments effective as of today's date.

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

Don C. BLISS

His Excellency the Honorable Lester B. Pearson
Secretary of State for External Affairs
Ottawa