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

Exchange of letters constituting an agreement relating to compensation for damages arising from use of the practice bombing range near Cuxhaven, Germany. Bonn, 15 and 21 July 1954

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No. 3031. EXCHANGE OF LETTERS CONSTITUTING AN AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND RELATING TO COMPENSATION FOR DAMAGES ARISING FROM USE OF THE PRACTICE BOMBING RANGE NEAR CUXHAVEN, GERMANY. BONN, 15 AND 21 JULY 1954

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The Deputy United States High Commissioner for Germany to the Deputy United Kingdom High Commissioner for Germany

DEPUTY UNITED STATES HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR GERMANY BAD GODESBERG, MEHLEMER AUE

July 15, 1954

My dear Mr. Allen:

Since receiving Mr. Ward's letter of December 1, 1953² with respect to claims for compensation arising from the use of the practice bombing range near Cuxhaven further conversations have been held between members of our respective staffs. As a result of these conversations the procedure has been further clarified and the following agreement has been reached regarding compensation for damages arising in the course of using the range:

- 1. Where the damage can be shown to have been due to British action, compensation will be paid in accordance with normal procedures established in the British Zone pursuant to Allied High Commission Law No. 47.
- 2. Where the damage can be shown to have been due to United States action, the case will be referred to the United States claims authorities for payment in accordance with normal procedures established pursuant to Allied High Commission Law No. 47.
- 3. Where it is not possible to determine whether the damage is due to British or United States action, application for compensation will be filed with British authorities. Payment of compensation will be made as to fifty percent each by the British and United States authorities respectively, according to procedures applicable in their Zone.

¹ Came into force on 21 July 1954 by the exchange of the said letters.

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As indicated in Mr. Ward's letter of December 1, 1953, it is our understanding that these arrangements will apply only until the entry into force of the Contractual Agreements. The detailed implementation of the above arrangements and the settlement of claims arising after the entry into force of the Contractual Agreements will be the subject of further consultations between representatives of the United States and of the United Kingdom elements.

I will appreciate it if you will confirm your agreement to the above compensation arrangements.

Sincerely yours,

Walter Dowling

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The Deputy United Kingdom High Commissioner for Germany to the Deputy United States High Commissioner for Germany

DEPUTY U.K. HIGH COMMISSIONER (22c) BONN, RHEINLAND FRIEDRICH EBERT ALLEE 77

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July 21, 1954

Dear Mr. Dowling,

In reply to your letter of July 15 regarding claims for compensation arising from the use of the practice bombing range near Cuxhaven, I confirm that the arrangements set out in your letter are acceptable to us.

These arrangements are as follows:-

[See letter I]

I also confirm that these arrangements will apply only until the entry into force of the Contractual Agreements. The detailed implementation of the above arrangements and the settlement of claims arising after the entry into

force of the Contractual Agreements will be the subject of further consultations between representatives of the United States and of the United Kingdom elements.

This letter should be regarded as superseding Mr. Ward's letter of December 1, 1953.

Yours sincerely,

Roger Allen

Mr. Walter Dowling Deputy United States High Commissioner Mehlem