

No. 4917

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

**Exchange of notes constituting an agreement relating to
the use of the Bahamas Long Range Proving Ground
on the Island of Grand Turk for tracking artificial
earth satellites and other space vehicles. Washington,
16 March and 16 April 1959**

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**ÉTATS-UNIS D'AMÉRIQUE
et
ROYAUME-UNI DE GRANDE-BRETAGNE
ET D'IRLANDE DU NORD**

**Échange de notes constituant un accord relatif à l'utilisation
du Centre d'essai des îles Bahama pour engins guidés
à longue portée (île de Grand Turk) pour le repérage
des satellites artificiels et autres engins spatiaux. Wa-
shington, 16 mars et 16 avril 1959**

Texte officiel anglais.

Enregistré par les États-Unis d'Amérique le 9 octobre 1959.

No. 4917. EXCHANGE OF NOTES CONSTITUTING AN AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND RELATING TO THE USE OF THE BAHAMAS LONG RANGE PROVING GROUND ON THE ISLAND OF GRAND TURK FOR TRACKING ARTIFICIAL EARTH SATELLITES AND OTHER SPACE VEHICLES. WASHINGTON, 16 MARCH AND 16 APRIL 1959

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The Acting Secretary of State to the British Ambassador

DEPARTMENT OF STATE
WASHINGTON

March 16, 1959

Excellency :

I have the honor to refer to the Agreement between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, signed at Washington on January 15, 1952, concerning the extension of the Bahamas Long Range Proving Ground for Guided Missiles to include the territory of the Turks and Caicos Islands,² and, in particular, to Article IV thereof which relates to the provision of Sites for the purpose of the operation of the Flight Testing Range.

The Government of the United States desires to utilize the said Proving Ground, as extended, for the further purpose of observing and tracking the course of artificial earth satellites and other space vehicles to be released from the existing launching area in the vicinity of Cape Canaveral, Florida, United States of America. Therefore, I wish to propose that, to enable suitable equipment to be set up on the Island of Grand Turk, the observing and tracking of artificial earth satellites and other space vehicles shall be regarded as part of the operation of the Flight Testing Range for the purposes of the said Agreement of January 15, 1952, and that the Government of the United States shall accordingly be granted the right to establish, maintain

¹ Came into force on 16 April 1959 by the exchange of the said notes.

² United Nations, *Treaty Series*, Vol. 127, p. 3.

and operate artificial space vehicle tracking equipment within a Site on the Island of Grand Turk provided in accordance with the procedure and subject to the terms and conditions set forth in said Agreement.

If the foregoing proposal is acceptable to the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland I have the honor to suggest that this note together with Your Excellency's reply in that sense should be regarded as constituting an Agreement between the two Governments, which shall take effect immediately and shall remain in force until the 20th day of July, 1975.

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

For the Acting Secretary of State :

L. T. MERCHANT

His Excellency Sir Harold Caccia, G.C.M.G., K.C.V.O.
British Ambassador

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The British Ambassador to the Acting Secretary of State

BRITISH EMBASSY
WASHINGTON, D.C.

No. 130

April 16, 1959

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your Note of the 16th of March, 1959, which reads as follows :

[See note I]

2. In reply I have the honour to inform you that the proposal set forth in your Note is acceptable to the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and that they agree to regard that Note together with this reply as constituting an Agreement between the two Governments which shall take effect immediately from the date of this Note and shall remain in force until the 20th day of July, 1975.

I avail myself of this opportunity to renew to you, Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Harold CACCIA

The Honourable Christian A. Herter
Acting Secretary of State of the United States
Washington, D. C.