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

Exchange of letters constituting an agreement concerning the High Altitude Research Project (HARP) being undertaken by McGill University and the Tropical Weather Research Project being undertaken by Florida State University, in Barbados. Bridgetown, 7 and 15 January 1963

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

Échange de lettres constituant un accord relatif au Projet de recherche sur la haute atmosphère (HARP) entrepris par l'Université McGill et au Projet de recherche sur la météorologie en zone tropicale entrepris par l'Université de l'État de Floride, à la Barbade. Bridgetown 7 et 15 janvier 1963

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No. 6743. EXCHANGE OF LETTERS CONSTITUTING AN AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA CONCERNING THE HIGH ALTITUDE RESEARCH PROJECT (HARP) BEING UNDERTAKEN BY MCGILL UNIVERSITY AND THE TROPICAL WEATHER RESEARCH PROJECT BEING UNDERTAKEN BY FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY, IN BARBADOS. BRIDGETOWN, 7 AND 15 JANUARY 1963

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THE FOREIGN SERVICE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Bridgetown, January 7, 1963

Excellency :

I refer to our recent conversations concerning the High Altitude Research Project (HARP) being undertaken by McGill University and the Tropical Weather Research Project being undertaken by Florida State University in Barbados.

It is the understanding of the United States Government that both McGill University and Florida State University, as private contractors, have authorization from the Government of Barbados to undertake experiments of this nature.

The United States Government has made available to McGill University for the latter's experimental purposes certain United States Government-owned property, to wit :

- 1 16" gun assembly with loading mechanism
- 1 16" gun barrel for reserve
- 11,000 lbs. propellant
- 1 400 cycle motor generator for use with M-33 radar
- 1 M-33 radar system

The United States Government has also made available to Florida State University certain other United States Government-owned property for that University's experimental purposes, to wit :

¹ Came into force on 15 January 1963 by the exchange of the said letters.

- 1 M-33 weather radar
- 1 Rawin set (AN/GMD-1)
- 1 AN/TMQ-5 radio sound recorder
- 1 30 kilowatt 400 cycle power unit
- 1 air conditioner, trailer mounted
- 96 Radio sondes
- 96 Weather balloons
 - 1 each wind-measuring sets (AN/GMQ-11)
 - 2 Esterline Angus recorders (one is wind director and one is wind speed)
- 2 Theodolites (ML-474)
- 2 Each tripods (MT-1309)
- 119 Cylinders of helium gas

For such period of time as the United States Government retains ownership of the above property, the United States Government shall settle and pay claims incident to the use of such property pursuant to applicable United States claims legislation.

However, in the near future, the ownership of the above United States Government-owned property may be transferred to McGill University and Florida State University, respectively. Upon such transfer, compensation for any injury or damage which may arise incident to the use of such property shall be the responsibility solely of the respective Universities concerned except to the extent US Government personnel are directly responsible for an incident giving rise to a claim for compensation. Accordingly, McGill University and Florida State University have informed the United States Government that they will obtain adequate liability insurance coverage for this purpose. Before such transfer of ownership takes place, the Government of the United States will give reasonable notice to the Government of Barbados of the event.

As you know, it is contemplated that certain United States military personnel and civilian employees of the United States Government will be present for varying periods of time in Barbados for the purposes of

- (a) assisting in installation of equipment both U.S. Government-owned and that transferred to McGill University or Florida State University ;
- (b) training personnel, when required, in the operation and maintenance of certain items of equipment both U.S. Government-owned and that transferred to McGill University of Florida State University ; and
- (c) observing and inspecting research performed by McGill University and Florida State University for compliance with the terms of the contract between the U.S. Government and McGill University and the grant between the U.S. Army and Florida State University. It is proposed that the provisions of the Agree-

ment on United States Defence Areas in the Federation of the West Indies, signed on February 10, 1961,¹ shall apply *mutatis mutandis* to all such United States Government personnel.

I have the honor to propose that if the foregoing are acceptable to the Government of the United Kingdom, Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of Barbados this note and your Excellency's note in reply to that effect shall be regarded as constituting an agreement between the Government of the United States of America and of the United Kingdom, Great Britain and Northern Ireland, which shall enter into force on the date of your Excellency's reply.

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

Eileen R. DONOVAN

His Excellency Sir John Stow, K.C.M.G.,
Governor of Barbados

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GOVERNMENT HOUSE BARBADOS

Ref : 338

15th January, 1963

Madam,

I have the honour to refer to your letter of the 7th January, 1963, concerning the High Altitude Research Project (HARP) being undertaken by McGill University and the Tropical Weather Research Project being undertaken by Florida State University in Barbados, and to say that I am in agreement with the terms of that letter which, together with this letter, will be regarded as constituting an agreement between the Government of the United States of America and of the United Kingdom, Great Britain and Northern Ireland. This agreement will come into force as from the date of this letter.

I have the honour to be, Madam,

Your obedient servant,

(Signed) John Stow
Governor

Miss E. R. Donovan
American Consul-General
Bridgetown, Barbados

¹ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, Vol. 409, p. 67.