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

Exchange of notes constituting an agreement concerning the establishment on Ascension Island of an additional facility to be operated for the United States National Aeronautics and Space Administration. London, 7 July 1965

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

Échange de notes constituant un accord relatif à l'établissement, dans l'île de l'Ascension, d'une installation supplémentaire destinée à être exploitée pour le compte de la National Aeronautics and Space Administration des États-Unis. Londres, 7 juillet 1965

Texte officiel anglais.

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No. 8044. EXCHANGE OF NOTES 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 ESTABLISHMENT ON ASCENSION ISLAND OF AN ADDITIONAL FACILITY TO BE OPERATED FOR THE UNITED STATES NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION. LONDON, 7 JULY 1965

I

The Ambassador of the United States of America to the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs

London, July 7, 1965

Excellency :

I have the honour 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 Concerning the Extension of the Bahamas Long Range Proving Ground by the Establishment of Additional Sites in Ascension Island which was signed at Washington on the 25th of June, 1956.²

2. The Government of the United States now desires to establish on Ascension Island on a plot of land known as Devils Ashpit a facility to be operated for the United States National Aeronautics and Space Administration which would provide early post-injection tracking of direct ascent lunar and planetary spacecraft and also provide support for the Apollo programme.

3. I have the honour to propose that the provisions of the aforesaid Agreement should apply to this facility, and that its installation, operation and maintenance should be regarded as authorised, notwithstanding paragraphs 1 and 3 of Article II and Article XIX of the Agreement. I further propose that the plot of land at Devils Ashpit on which the facility will be erected should be regarded as a site provided under the terms of Article IV of the Agreement. The exact topographical definition of the site and any easements shall be definitely established by agreement between the United States authorities and the United Kingdom authorities.

¹ Came into force on 7 July 1965, by the exchange of the said notes.

² United Nations, *Treaty Series*, Vol. 249, p. 91, and Vol. 351, p. 438.

4. If the foregoing proposals are acceptable to the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, I have the honour to suggest that this Note together with your reply in that sense should be regarded as constituting an Agreement between the two Governments which shall take effect on this date and remain in force for the duration of the Agreement of the 25th of June, 1956 referred to above.

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

David BRUCE

II

The Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs to the Ambassador of the United States of America

FOREIGN OFFICE

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7 July, 1965

Your Excellency,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Note of the 7th of July, 1965, which reads as follows :

[*See note I*]

2. In reply I wish to inform Your Excellency that the foregoing proposal is acceptable to the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, who therefore agree that your Note and this reply shall be regarded as constituting an Agreement between the two Governments, which shall enter into force on this date and remain in force for the duration of the Agreement of the 25th of June, 1956 referred to above.

I have the honour to be, with the highest consideration,

Your Excellency's obedient Servant,

For the Secretary of State :

J. O. RENNIE