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**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
and
NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY ORGANIZATION**

**Agreement concerning the NATO satellite communications
earth terminal in the United States. Signed at Washington
on 10 July 1970 and at Mons on 20 August 1970**

Authentic text: English.

Registered by the United States of America on 2 February 1971.

**ÉTATS-UNIS D'AMÉRIQUE
et
ORGANISATION DU TRAITÉ
DE L'ATLANTIQUE NORD**

**Accord relatif au central terrestre de communications par
satellites de l'OTAN aux États-Unis. Signé à Washington
le 10 juillet 1970 et à Mons le 20 août 1970**

Texte authentique: anglais.

Enregistré par les États-Unis d'Amérique le 2 février 1971.

AGREEMENT¹ CONCERNING THE NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY ORGANIZATION SATELLITE COMMUNICATIONS EARTH TERMINAL IN THE UNITED STATES BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, REPRESENTED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE, AND THE NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY ORGANIZATION, REPRESENTED BY THE SUPREME HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED POWERS EUROPE (AGREEMENT WITH SHAPE CONCERNING THE NATO SATCOM EARTH TERMINAL)

The Government of the United States of America and the Supreme Headquarters, Allied Powers in Europe,

Considering that the general relations between the parties to the North Atlantic Treaty² and the several Allied Headquarters have been defined in the Protocol on the Status of International Military Headquarters³ set up pursuant to the North Atlantic Treaty,

Desiring to apply and give effect to the said Protocol in the United States as it relates to the activities of the Supreme Headquarters, Allied Powers in Europe, particularly with reference to the construction, operation and maintenance of the NATO Satellite Communications Earth Terminal located in the United States,

Have agreed as follows:

Article 1

As used in this Agreement:

(a) "SHAPE" means the Supreme Headquarters, Allied Powers in Europe;

(b) the "Protocol" means the Protocol on the Status of International Military Headquarters set up pursuant to the North Atlantic Treaty, signed at Paris on August 28, 1952;

(c) "SACEUR" means the Supreme Allied Commander, Europe;

¹ Came into force on 20 August 1970 by signature, in accordance with its provisions.

² United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 34, p. 243.

³ *Ibid.*, vol. 200, p. 340.

(d) the expressions “force”, “civilian component”, and “dependent” shall have the same meanings as set out in Article 3 of the Protocol.

Article 2

SHAPE, or any agent designated by it to act on its behalf, may construct, operate and maintain a NATO Satellite Communications Earth Terminal in the United States. The right of SHAPE to acquire or dispose of interests in land in the United States will be exercised only after consultation with appropriate representatives of the United States Government.

Article 3

The powers vested in SHAPE by Articles 10 and 11 of the Protocol may be exercised directly by SACEUR or by any agent designated by him to act on his behalf.

Article 4

(a) The Government of the United States will permit the importation by or on behalf of SHAPE of equipment, components, parts, materials and supplies for the construction, operation and maintenance of the NATO Satellite Communications Earth Terminal in the United States.

(b) With respect to such equipment, components, parts, materials and supplies in paragraph (a) *supra*, and in connection with the operation and maintenance of the Earth Terminal, the Government of the United States agrees that SHAPE shall be relieved, so far as practicable, from duties and taxes affecting expenditures made in the interest of common defense and for its official and exclusive benefit. In connection with such importation and relief from duties and taxes, SHAPE will comply with such arrangements, procedures and terms as the United States Department of the Treasury may prescribe.

Article 5

SHAPE may also conduct such other activities in the United States as may be agreed upon with the appropriate authorities of the Government of the United States under the same terms of this Agreement.

Article 6

The United States Government agrees to represent SHAPE in matters with local governments (State, county, and/or municipal) within the United States, relating to the application of local taxes, duties and public charges on the importation or exportation by SHAPE of equipment, components, parts, materials and supplies for use in connection with construction, operation and maintenance of a NATO Satellite Communications Earth Terminal in the United States.

Article 7

The present Agreement shall remain in force so long as SHAPE is conducting any activity authorized in the United States. It may be revised at any time at the request of one of the Parties and by agreement between them.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the undersigned duly authorized representatives have signed the present Agreement.

For the Government
of the United States of America:

[Signed]

RICHARD P. KLOCKO
Washington, D.C.,
the 10th of July 1970

For the Supreme Allied
Commander Europe:

[Signed]

Lt. Gen. G. DIMAURO
Mons, Belgium,
the 20th of August 1970
