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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 lease of a parcel of land in the British Virgin
Islands for use by the United States Navy as a drone
launching facility. Washington, 1 February 1973**

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ET D'IRLANDE DU NORD
et
ÉTATS-UNIS D'AMÉRIQUE**

**Échange de notes constituant un accord relatif à la location
d'un terrain destiné à servir aux lancements d'engins
téléguidés effectués par la Marine des États-Unis
dans les îles Vierges britanniques. Washington, 1^{er}
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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 LEASE OF A PARCEL OF LAND IN THE BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS FOR USE BY THE UNITED STATES NAVY AS A DRONE LAUNCHING FACILITY

I

The United States Secretary of State to Her Majesty's Ambassador at Washington

DEPARTMENT OF STATE
WASHINGTON

February 1, 1973

Excellency,

I have the honor to refer to recent discussions between representatives of our respective Governments concerning the desire of the United States Navy to lease a parcel of land containing approximately 6.0 acres on the Island of Anegada in the British Virgin Islands for use as a drone launching facility, and I have the honor to propose that the Government of the United Kingdom agree to a lease for this property, the details to be worked out by the United States Navy and the Governor of the British Virgin Islands. I further have the honor also to propose that articles III, VII, VIII, X, and XI of the Agreement between the parties of the North Atlantic Treaty regarding the status of their forces dated June 19, 1951,² apply *mutatis mutandis* to the operation by the United States Navy of the drone launching facility and the status of United States personnel on Anegada Island for that purpose.

If the foregoing proposal is acceptable to the Government of the United Kingdom, I have the honor to propose that Your Excellency's reply to that effect together with this note shall constitute an agreement between the two governments.

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

For the Secretary of State:
RONALD I. SPIERS

II

Her Majesty's Ambassador at Washington to the United States Secretary of State

BRITISH EMBASSY
WASHINGTON, D.C.

1 February, 1973

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of Your Excellency's note of today's date which reads as follows:

¹ Came into force on 1 February 1973 by the exchange of the said notes.

² United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 199, p. 67.

[See note I]

In reply I have the honour to inform you that the foregoing proposal is acceptable to the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, who therefore agree that Your Excellency's note and the present reply shall constitute an agreement between the two Governments which shall enter into force on this day's date.

I avail myself of the opportunity to renew to Your Excellency the assurance of my highest consideration.

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