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AUSTRALIA
and
UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN
AND NORTHERN IRELAND

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compliance with the Partial Test Ban Treaty. Canber-
ra, 31 October 1972**

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**Échange de notes constituant un accord relatif à l'installa-
tion sur la Base Pearce de l'Armée de l'air royale aus-
traliennne d'une station chargée de vérifier l'exécution du
Traité d'interdiction partielle des essais nucléaires.
Canberra, 31 octobre 1972**

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EXCHANGE OF NOTES CONSTITUTING AN AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF AUSTRALIA AND THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND ON THE USE OF RAAF BASE PEARCE TO ESTABLISH A STATION TO MONITOR COMPLIANCE WITH THE PARTIAL TEST BAN TREATY²

I

MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS
CANBERRA

Sir,

I have the honour to refer to discussions concerning a project for the establishment by the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (hereinafter referred to as “the Government of the United Kingdom”) of facilities in the Perth area for the purpose of operating a station to monitor compliance with Treaty banning nuclear weapons tests in the atmosphere, in outer space and under water done at Moscow on 5th August 1963² (hereinafter referred to as “the Partial Test Ban Treaty”) and to make the following proposals:

a. The Government of the United Kingdom shall establish and operate at the Royal Australian Air Force Base, Pearce, Western Australia, installations for the purpose of monitoring compliance with the Partial Test Ban Treaty and to this end the Royal Australian Air Force shall make available certain facilities.

b. The costs of and incidental to the project shall be met by the Government of the United Kingdom in accordance with the detailed arrangements made by the co-operating agencies of the two Governments.

c. Data collected as a result of the operation of the station shall be made available to the Government of the Commonwealth of Australia in accordance with arrangements to be made by the two Governments.

d. Detailed arrangements relating to the project may be made by the co-operating agencies of the two Governments. On the part of the Government of the United Kingdom, the co-operating agency shall be the United Kingdom Atomic Energy Authority. On the part of the Government of the Commonwealth of Australia, the co-operating agency shall be the Department of Air.

I have the honour to suggest that, if these proposals are acceptable to the Government of the United Kingdom, this note and your reply to that effect shall constitute an agreement between our two Governments which shall remain in effect for a period of ten years from the date of your reply, and may be extended as agreed, subject to the right of either Government to terminate it on giving ninety days' notice in writing to the other.

Please accept, Sir, the assurances of my high consideration.

NIGEL BOWEN

Mr. D. P. Aiers
United Kingdom High Commission
Canberra

¹ Came into force on 31 October 1972, the date of the note in reply, in accordance with the provisions of the said notes.

² United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 480, p. 43.

II

Mr. Minister,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your note of 31 October which reads as follows:

[See note I]

I have the honour to inform you that these proposals are acceptable to the Government of the United Kingdom and that they agree that your note and this reply shall constitute an agreement between our two Governments which shall remain in effect for a period of ten years from the date of this reply, and may be extended as agreed, subject to the right of either Government to terminate it on giving ninety days' notice in writing to the other.

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

[Signed]
D.P. AIERS

British High Commission
Canberra

31 October 1972
