

No. 13140

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

**Exchange of notes constituting an agreement relating to a
drone launching facility. Washington, 1 February 1973**

Authentic text: English.

Registered by the United States of America on 1 March 1974.

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

**Échange de notes constituant un accord relatif à une instal-
lation pour le lancement d'engins téléguidés. Wash-
ington, 1^{er} février 1973**

Texte authentique : anglais.

Enregistré par les États-Unis d'Amérique le 1^{er} mars 1974.

EXCHANGE OF NOTES CONSTITUTING AN AGREEMENT¹
BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE
UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN
IRELAND RELATING TO A DRONE LAUNCHING FACILITY

I

The Secretary of State to the British Ambassador

DEPARTMENT OF STATE
WASHINGTON

Feb. 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 Ane-gada 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 Ane-gada 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 Govern-ments.

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

For the Secretary of State:

RONALD I. SPIERS

His Excellency the Right Honorable
The Earl of Cromer, P.C., K.C.M.G., M.B.E.
British Ambassador

¹ Came into force on 1 February 1973, the date of the note in reply, in accordance with the provisions of the said notes.

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

II

The British Ambassador to the Secretary of State

BRITISH EMBASSY
WASHINGTON, D.C.

1 February 1973

The Honorable William P. Rogers
Secretary of State
Department of State
Washington, D.C.

Sir,

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

[See note 1]

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.

[Signed]

CROMER