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

**Exchange of notes constituting an agreement concerning
United States defence areas in the Turks and Caicos
Islands. Washington, 29 September 1978**

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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 concernant les zones
de défense des États-Unis situées dans les îles Turques et
Caïques. Washington, 29 septembre 1978**

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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 UNITED STATES DEFENCE AREAS IN THE TURKS AND CAICOS ISLANDS

I

*The Deputy Assistant Secretary of State of the United States of America
to Her Majesty's Ambassador at Washington*

DEPARTMENT OF STATE
WASHINGTON

September 29, 1978

Excellency:

I have the honor to bring to your attention a matter concerning defense areas in the Turks and Caicos Islands.

Having regard to the Agreement between the Government of the Federation of the West Indies and the Government of the United States of America ("United States Government") concerning United States defense areas in the Federation of the West Indies signed at Port of Spain on February 10, 1961,² the Exchange of notes between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland ("United Kingdom Government") and the Government of the United States of America dated June 11, 1971,³ concerning the use by civilian aircraft of the airfield at Grand Turk Island and the Exchange of notes between the said Governments dated June 15, 1972,⁴ applying the Agreement of February 10, 1961, to additional United States defense areas in the Turks and Caicos Islands (hereinafter collectively referred to as the "Bases Agreement") and having regard to the discussions concerning the future of the United States defense areas in the Turks and Caicos Islands after the expiration of the Bases Agreement on December 31, 1977, the United Kingdom Government and the United States Government have agreed as follows:

1. Notwithstanding the expiration of the Bases Agreement, the United States Government may continue to have and enjoy the rights granted to it under the Bases Agreement on the same terms and conditions as therein stated as if the Bases Agreement had not expired until December 31, 1978.

2. For the use of the defense areas in the Turks and Caicos Islands as provided for in paragraph 1 hereof, the United States Government shall enter into leases with the Turks and Caicos Islands Government providing for the payment of United States dollars seven hundred and fifty Thousand (\$750,000) in rent for the period

¹ Came into force on 29 September 1978, the date of the note in reply, in accordance with the provisions of the said notes.

² United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 409, p. 67.

³ *Ibid.*, vol. 805, p. 179.

⁴ *Ibid.*, vol. 851, p. 292.

January 1 to September 30, 1978 (of which \$330,000 for the United States Navy facility and \$420,000 for the United States Air Force facility). The conclusion of such leases shall be subject to review in the United States Congress in accordance with applicable United States law.

3. If the foregoing proposal is acceptable to the United Kingdom Government, I suggest that this note together with your reply to that effect shall be regarded as constituting an agreement between the two Governments which shall enter into force on the date of the Embassy's reply.

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

For the Secretary of State:

SALLY A. SHELTON

II

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

BRITISH EMBASSY
WASHINGTON D.C.

29 September 1978

Madam,

I have the honour to acknowledge your note of today's date, which reads as follows:

[*See note I*]

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 note, together with the present reply, shall constitute an agreement between the two Governments in this matter, which shall enter into force on the date of the present reply.

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

PETER JAY
