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**NETHERLANDS
and
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

**Exchange of notes constituting an agreement regarding the
stationing of a United States military television trans-
mitter at Soesterberg. The Hague, 7 December 1981
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et
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**Échange de notes constituant un accord relatif à la mise en
place à Soesterberg d'un émetteur de télévision pour les
forces armées des États-Unis. La Haye, 7 décembre
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EXCHANGE OF NOTES CONSTITUTING AN AGREEMENT¹
BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE KINGDOM OF THE
NETHERLANDS AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED
STATES OF AMERICA REGARDING THE STATIONING OF A
UNITED STATES MILITARY TELEVISION TRANSMITTER
AT SOESTERBERG

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EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

The Hague, December 7, 1981

No. 99

Excellency,

I have the honor to refer to the Agreement between our Governments of August 13, 1954 concerning the stationing of United States Forces in the Kingdom of the Netherlands² and to recent discussions between officials of the Embassy and the Kingdom of the Netherlands regarding the United States desire to enhance its ability to inform its forces stationed in the Netherlands by establishing an Armed Forces television transmitter at the 32nd Tactical Fighter Squadron at Soesterberg Airfield, for the purpose of disseminating information exclusively for the use of the United States military community in the Netherlands. Such a transmission facility will be of particular importance to improve and ensure military readiness as it enables a timely recalling of service personnel to duty status in time of actual crisis. During peacetime its purpose is to provide information and entertainment to service personnel and their families which is an essential element in unit and individual morale.

I have the honor to propose now that concerning the above the following agreement be concluded between the Government of the United States and the Government of the Kingdom of the Netherlands:

1. At the United States 32nd Tactical Fighter Squadron at Soesterberg Airfield an American Forces Network Europe television transmitter will be stationed.

2. Operation of the television transmitter will be conducted within the following parameters:

- a. Programing will initially be provided by a manned studio playing prerecorded video-tape material with the capability for only limited local programing for command information purposes.
- b. Programs will be strictly non-commercial.
- c. All transmitting periods will begin and end with a statement that programing is intended exclusively for the United States military community at Soester-

¹ Came into force on 19 July 1983, the date of receipt by the United States Government of a notification from the Netherlands Government confirming its approval, in accordance with the provisions of the said notes.

² United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 251, p. 91.

berg. The US authorities will not authorize any usage of the programed material for other than the official US audience.

- d. A low-power transmitter, sufficient to serve US military personnel within a radius of 15 kilometers of Soesterberg Airfield, will be used, applying NTSC-standard (system M).
- e. The competent authorities shall establish a Technical Schedule giving all details for the implementation of the provisions of this Agreement. In order to prevent interference and other disturbances, this Schedule shall contain provisions which are, as much as possible, consistent with the relevant Netherlands' regulations, in the understanding that there is a strong preference for a channel higher than 68. The above mentioned authorities shall, whenever appropriate, consult each other to determine if any modification to the Schedule is required.

3. The arrangement referred to in this note will remain in effect for the duration of the stationing of US Armed Forces in the Netherlands or until such time as the two Governments mutually agree upon their termination.

If the foregoing provisions are acceptable to your Government, this note and Your Excellency's reply thereto indicating such acceptance shall constitute the agreement between our two Governments concerning this matter.

After the approval constitutionally required in the Netherlands has been obtained, the present agreement shall enter into force on the date of receipt by the US Government of a relevant notification from the Netherlands Government.

Accept, Excellency, the assurance of my highest consideration.

WILLIAM J. DYESS

His Excellency Max van der Stoep
Minister for Foreign Affairs
of the Netherlands

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MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE KINGDOM OF THE NETHERLANDS

The Hague, March 4, 1982

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Your Excellency,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of Your Excellency's Note No. 99 of December 7, 1981 which reads as follows:

[See note I]

In reply I have the honour to inform Your Excellency that the foregoing provisions are acceptable to the Government of the Kingdom of the Netherlands.

Your Note and the present reply shall therefore constitute an Agreement between the two Governments, which shall enter into force on the date of receipt by the U.S. Government of a notification from the Netherlands Government, indicating that the approval constitutionally required in the Netherlands has been obtained.

Accept, Excellency, the assurance of my highest consideration.

[Signed]

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of the Kingdom of the Netherlands

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of the United States of America
at The Hague
