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

**Exchange of notes constituting an agreement regarding
arrangements for the use by United Kingdom forces
of military facilities on Ascension Island. London,
25 March 1985**

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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 relatif à des
arrangements en vue de l'utilisation par les forces bri-
tanniques d'installations militaires dans l'île de l'As-
cension. Londres, 25 mars 1985**

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*Enregistré par le Royaume-Uni de Grande-Bretagne et d'Irlande du Nord
le 26 novembre 1986.*

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 REGARDING ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE USE BY UNITED KINGDOM FORCES OF MILITARY FACILITIES ON ASCENSION ISLAND

I

*The Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs
to the Ambassador for the United States of America*

FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH OFFICE
LONDON

25 March 1985

Excellency

1. I have the honour to refer to the Agreement of June 25 1956 concerning the extension of the Bahamas Long Range Proving Ground by the establishment of additional sites on Ascension Island;² the Exchange of Notes of August 24 and 25 1959 concerning the practical application of the Agreement of June 25 1956;³ the Exchange of Notes of August 29 1962 concerning the use of the Airfield at Wideawake on Ascension [Island] by Aircraft of the Royal Air Force;⁴ the Exchange of Notes of July 17 1967 amending the 1956 Agreement referred to above in respect of British and United States Representation;⁵ and the Exchange of Notes of March 30 1973 concerning the expanded use of Ascension Island.⁶

2. I also have the honour to refer to the decision of the Government of the United Kingdom to establish forces on Ascension Island and to make the following proposals:

- (a) Arrangements shall be made for the use by United Kingdom forces of military facilities on those sites provided or to be provided for the United States on Ascension Island in accordance with the provisions of the agreements referred to in paragraph 1 of this Note
- (b) The arrangements shall be established in a Memorandum of Understanding to be concluded between the Ministry of Defence representing the Government of the United Kingdom and the Department of Defense representing the Government of the United States.

¹ Came into force on 25 March 1985, the date of the note in reply, in accordance with the provisions of the said notes.

² United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 249, p. 91.

³ *Ibid.*, vol. 351, p. 438.

⁴ *Ibid.*, vol. 449, p. 177.

⁵ *Ibid.*, vol. 619, p. 335.

⁶ *Ibid.*, vol. 886, p. 187.

3. If the foregoing proposals are acceptable to the Government of the United States of America, I have the honour to propose that this Note together with your reply shall be regarded as constituting an Agreement between our two Governments which shall enter into force on the date of your reply and remain in force for the duration of the Agreement of June 25 1956 or until one year from the day on which either Government gives notice to the other of its intention to terminate the Agreement.

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

For the Secretary of State:
CHARLES D. SANDERSON

II

*The Ambassador of the United States of America to the Secretary of State
for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs*

EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
LONDON

March 25, 1985

No. 53

Excellency:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your Note of March 25, 1985 which reads as follows:

[*See note I*]

In reply I have the honor to inform you that the foregoing proposals are acceptable to the Government of the United States of America, who therefore agree that your Note, together with this reply, shall constitute an Agreement between the two Governments in this matter which shall enter into force on this day's date.

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

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