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

**Memorandum of Understanding relating to a satellite-aided
maritime distress alert system. Signed at Washington on
23 July 1981**

Authentic text: English.

Registered by the United States of America on 26 May 1989.

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

**Mémorandum d'accord concernant un système d'alerte ma-
ritime assisté par satellite. Signé à Washington le 23 juil-
let 1981**

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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING¹ RELATING TO A SATELLITE-AIDED MARITIME DISTRESS ALERT SYSTEM

23 July 1981

“Maritime Administration of the Government of the United States of America and the Department of Trade of the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (“the Administrations”),

Considering it desirable to develop and test a compatible satellite Emergency Position-Indicating Radio Beacon (EPIRB) system, using spread spectrum techniques in connection with the Co-ordinated Trials Programme being organised by the Committee Consultative International Radio (CCIR) of the International Telecommunications Union,

Wishing to collaborate to this end,

Have reached the following Understanding:

Responsibilities

1. The two Administrations will:

- (i) Arrange the provision of a combined system which will include a United States receiver processor system and a suitably designed United Kingdom satellite-EPIRB unit;
- (ii) Decide upon and carry out a joint programme covering the development and testing of the combined system referred to in (i) above. This programme will include detailed timetables relating to the provision of the component parts of the system and to matters relating to the system's testing as part of the CCIR Co-ordinated Trials Programme;
- (iii) Arrange the exchange of all pertinent technical information relating to the design, development, construction and testing of the combined system, subject to the concurrence of both Administrations;
- (iv) Consult together during the CCIR Co-ordinated Trials.

2. The United Kingdom Administration will provide a suitably designed satellite-EPIRB unit.

3. The United States Administration will provide a receiver processor unit and be responsible for conducting the trials of the combined system and will prepare and present the report on the completion of the trials.

4. Each Administration will be responsible for its own costs associated with the collaboration in pursuance of this Understanding and will not seek to impose any financial obligation on the other Administration arising from its own expenditure or that of its contractor.

5. Neither Administration will be precluded from undertaking work on satellite-EPIRB systems outside the terms of this Understanding.

¹ Came into force on 23 July 1981 by signature, in accordance with article 8.

Means of liaison

6. The liaison necessary to carry out the terms of this Understanding will be organised by the two Administrations. They will arrange the means for the detailed technical collaboration to be carried out between representatives of their respective contractors: the MITRE Corporation in the United States and McMichael Limited in the United Kingdom.

Review

7. The two Administrations will review periodically the implementation of the terms of this Understanding in order to ensure that collaboration between the two Administrations continues to fulfill its purpose and that the responsibilities assumed in accordance with this Understanding are being carried out.

Termination

8. This Understanding will come into effect on 23 July 1981 and will cease to have effect on the completion of the CCIR Co-ordinated Trials Programme, unless terminated before that time by either Administration giving a minimum four month notice to the other of its intention to terminate the Understanding.

The foregoing record represents the understandings reached between the two Administrations upon the matters referred to therein.

SIGNED at Washington, D.C., on 23 July 1981.

For the Maritime Administration
of the Government
of the United States:

[Signed — Signé]¹

For the Department of Trade
of the Government
of the United Kingdom of Great Britain
and Northern Ireland:

[Signed — Signé]²

¹ Signed by Carl S. Mathews — Signé par Carl S. Mathews.

² Signed by Malcolm A. Johnson — Signé par Malcolm A. Johnson.