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# Exchange of Notes

between the Government of the  
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland  
and the Government of the United States of America

extending the Agreement signed at London  
on April 6, 1961, for the Establishment  
in Canton Island of a Space Vehicle  
Tracking and Communications Station

London, September 23, 1963

*Presented to Parliament by the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs  
by Command of Her Majesty  
December 1963*

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No. 1

*The United States Chargé d'Affaires ad interim to the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs*

My Lord:

*London, September 23, 1963*

I have the honor to refer to the Agreement between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland effected by an Exchange of Notes signed at London on the 6th of April, 1961,<sup>(1)</sup> under which co-operation was extended by the Government of the United Kingdom in authorizing the establishment of a space vehicle tracking and communications station on Canton Island by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, the co-operating agency of my Government. In consideration of the successful achievement of the initial objectives of the program for which this facility was established and its contributions to the open conduct of peaceful space research, and in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 15 (a) of the Agreement of the 6th of April, 1961, the Government of the United States proposes that the co-operation noted above be extended to accommodate continued development of experimental programs of a peaceful and scientific character contributing to manned and unmanned flight, including the provision of such additional equipment as may be required at the facility consistent with these purposes.

It is understood that except as modified herein the provision set forth in the above-mentioned Exchange of Notes of the 6th of April, 1961, shall continue to apply to the program of co-operation provided for by this present Note.

The program of co-operation provided for herein shall, subject to the availability of funds, remain in effect for a period of eight years from the date of entry into force of this Agreement and may be extended as mutually agreed by the two Governments.

Should changed conditions alter requirements for the station at any time prior to the end of the stated period, the Government of the United States may terminate its use of the station after giving ninety days' advance written notice to the Government of the United Kingdom and Northern Ireland.

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<sup>(1)</sup> "Treaty Series No. 55 (1961)", Cmnd. 1411.

If the foregoing is acceptable to the Government of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, I propose that this Note and your reply to that effect shall constitute an Agreement between our two Governments which shall enter into force on the date of your reply.

Accept Sir, etc.

G. LEWIS JONES,  
*Chargé d'Affaires ad interim.*

No. 2

*The Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs to the United States Chargé  
d'Affaires ad interim*

*Foreign Office, S.W. 1*

Sir,

*September 23, 1963*

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your Note of the 23rd of September, 1963, proposing an extension of the Agreement covering the operation by the United States National Aeronautics and Space Administration of a satellite tracking and communications station in Canton Island, which reads as follows:—

[As in No. 1]

I have the honour to inform you that the above 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 which shall enter into force on today's date.

I have, etc.

(For the Secretary of State)  
R. F. G. SARELL.

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