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GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
REGARDING THE USE OF GANDER AIRPORT
BY UNITED STATES AIRLINES

LONDON, 21st/23rd MAY, 1947

*Presented by the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs
to Parliament by Command of His Majesty*

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No. 1

Mr. Ernest Bevin to Mr. Lewis W. Douglas

*Foreign Office, S.W. 1,
21st May, 1947*

Your Excellency,

I HAVE the honour to state that His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom, after consultation with the Government of Newfoundland and in accordance with the understandings arrived at in the course of the discussions leading up to the signing of the Bermuda Agreement on 11th February, 1946,⁽¹⁾ have pleasure in informing the Government of the United States of America that an airline or airlines designated by the United States of America, in accordance with Article 2 (i) of the Agreement between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the United States of America signed on 11th February, 1946, may enjoy at Gander Airport, Newfoundland, on routes 1 to 5 of Section III (b) of the Annex to that Agreement the rights set out in Section I of that Annex on the following understandings:—

- (a) that the grant of the rights mentioned above is subject to the observance of, and is to be governed by, the provisions of the Final Act of the Bermuda Civil Aviation Conference signed on 11th February, 1946,⁽¹⁾ and of the Agreement of 11th February, 1946, referred to above; and
- (b) that similar rights will be granted, at a point or points to be agreed in the territory of the United States of America, to any airline designated by His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom on behalf of the Government of Newfoundland for the operation of air services on routes operating to or through the United States of America.

2. I am to add that, if and when as a result of any Constitutional change affecting the status of Newfoundland, His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom ceases to act on behalf of Newfoundland in such matters as are referred to in this note, His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom agrees for its part that the provisions of this note should no longer apply and that a new agreement in such terms as may be appropriate should be entered into between the United States of America and Newfoundland or such other State as may be empowered to act in that connexion on behalf of Newfoundland.

3. I have the honour to propose that if the provisions of the present note are acceptable to the Government of the United States of America, the

⁽¹⁾ "Treaty Series No. 3 (1946)," Cmd. 6747.

present note and your Excellency's reply should be regarded as constituting an agreement supplemental to the Agreement of 11th February, 1946, and should be registered as such with the International Civil Aviation Organisation.

I have, &c.
(Sd.) ERNEST BEVIN.

No. 2

Mr. Lewis W. Douglas to Mr. Ernest Bevin

*Embassy of the United States of America,
23rd May, 1947*

Your Excellency,

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge your Excellency's note of 21st May, 1947, relating to the Amendment supplemental to the Agreement of 11th February, 1946, governing civil air services between the United States and the United Kingdom.

I am instructed to inform you that this note is satisfactory to my Government and that this letter constitutes acceptance of the proposed Amendment.

Accept, &c.
(Sd.) L. W. DOUGLAS.

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