



Treaty Series No. 62 (1957)

# 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

concerning the Extension of the Bahamas  
Long-Range Proving Ground to include  
the Island of Great Exuma

Washington, April 1, 1957

*Presented to Parliament by the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs  
by Command of Her Majesty  
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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 CONCERNING THE EXTENSION OF THE BAHAMAS LONG-RANGE PROVING GROUND TO INCLUDE THE ISLAND OF GREAT EXUMA**

*Washington, April 1, 1957*

No. 1

*The United States Secretary of State to Her Majesty's Ambassador at Washington*

*Department of State,  
Washington, April 1, 1957.*

Excellency,

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, signed on the 21st of July, 1950, for the establishment in the Bahama Islands of a Long-Range Proving Ground for guided missiles<sup>(1)</sup> (hereinafter referred to as the Agreement), paragraph (4) of Article I of which, in conjunction with the map attached to the Agreement, defines the limits of the Flight Testing Range.

In the view of the United States Government the achievement of the purposes of the Agreement would be facilitated by the extension of the Flight Testing Range to include the area bounded by latitude 24° 51' N., longitude 76° 30' W., latitude 23° 24' N., longitude 76° 30' W., latitude 22° 00' N., longitude 74° 45' W. and latitude 23° 15' N., longitude 74° 45' W., as shown on the map annexed to the present Note.<sup>(2)</sup>

I therefore propose that the area within the red and hatched line drawn on the map attached to the Agreement shall be regarded as extended to include the area defined in paragraph 2 above, as shown on the map annexed hereto, and that paragraph (4) of Article I of the Agreement shall be interpreted accordingly.

If the foregoing proposal is acceptable to the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland I have the honor to suggest that the present Note and the Annex thereto, together with your Excellency's reply in that sense, should be regarded as constituting an Agreement between the two Governments in this matter which shall enter into force immediately.

Accept, &c.

(For the Secretary of State)

**ROBERT MURPHY.**

<sup>(1)</sup> "Treaty Series No. 74 (1950)," Cmd. 8109.

<sup>(2)</sup> The area within the red and hatched line. (The map also shows the earlier extension of the Proving Ground effected by the addition of sites in the Turks and Caicos Islands under the Agreement of January 15, 1952—see "Treaty Series No. 10 (1952)," Cmd. 8485.)

No. 2

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*Her Majesty's Ambassador at Washington to the United States Secretary  
of State*

*British Embassy,*

*Washington, April 1, 1957.*

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Note of the 1st of April, 1957, which reads as follows:—

[As in No. 1]

2. In reply I have the honour to inform your Excellency that the foregoing proposal is acceptable to the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland who therefore agree with your suggestion that your Note and the Annex thereto, together with this reply, should be regarded as constituting an Agreement between the two Governments in this matter which shall enter into force immediately.

I avail, &c.

HAROLD CACCIA.