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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 Kingdom of Norway  
regarding co-operation in the promotion  
and development of the peaceful  
uses of atomic energy

London, July 12, 1957

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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 KINGDOM OF NORWAY REGARDING CO-OPERATION IN THE PROMOTION AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE PEACEFUL USES OF ATOMIC ENERGY**

*London, July 12, 1957*

No. 1

*The Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs to the Norwegian Ambassador at London.*

*Foreign Office, S.W. 1,  
July 12, 1957.*

Your Excellency,

I have the honour to refer to recent discussions between the United Kingdom Atomic Energy Authority (hereinafter referred to as "the Authority") and the Norwegian Institutt for Atomenergi (hereinafter referred to as "the Institutt") concerning co-operation in the promotion and development of the peaceful uses of atomic energy. In order to ensure that materials supplied by the Authority to the Institutt during the course of collaboration shall be devoted solely to the promotion and development of the peaceful use of atomic energy, I have the honour to propose an Agreement between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Kingdom of Norway in the following terms:—

- (1) The Government of Norway shall ensure that
  - (a) any uranium, thorium or plutonium of any isotopic composition supplied by the Authority to the Institutt or any plutonium or U-233 derived from the use of fuel elements supplied by the Authority to the Institutt shall be employed solely in a programme of collaboration in research and development to be agreed between the Authority and the Institutt, and that no part of it shall be diverted to any other use without the prior consent in writing of the Authority;
  - (b) any fuel elements supplied by the Authority to the Institutt which may require processing shall be delivered to the Authority for processing or be processed in facilities approved by the Authority;
  - (c) except as may be agreed between the Authority and the Institutt, no alteration shall be made in the form and content of such fuel elements after their removal from the reactor and before their delivery to the Authority or to the facilities referred to in subparagraph (b) of this paragraph;
  - (d) records shall be maintained relating to burn-up of reactor fuel supplied by the Authority under the programme of collaboration and power levels of operation of reactors using it and reports shall be made to the Authority by the Institutt on these subjects annually or at such other times as may be required in connexion with processing of the irradiated fuel; and
  - (e) if the Authority so request, representatives of the Authority shall be permitted from time to time to inspect the condition and

employment of any part of any fuel elements supplied under the programme of collaboration and to observe the operation of any reactor employing any part of such fuel elements. Such representatives may, at the discretion of the Government of Norway, be accompanied by representatives of that Government.

- (2) The Norwegian Government shall guarantee that:—
  - (a) any material transferred to the Institutt or to authorised persons under the jurisdiction of the Government of Norway, under the programme of collaboration, by lease, sale or otherwise, or material derived from the use of such material will be employed solely for the promotion and development of the peaceful uses of atomic energy and not for any military purpose; and
  - (b) no such material will be transferred to unauthorised persons or beyond the jurisdiction of the Government of Norway except with the prior consent in writing of the Authority.
- (3) If the Authority and the Institutt decide to extend their co-operation beyond the field covered by the agreed programme of collaboration, the Government of the United Kingdom and the Government of Norway shall consult with each other to determine whether any modification is necessary in the provisions of the present Agreement.
- (4) After the establishment of the International Atomic Energy Agency, the Government of the United Kingdom and the Government of Norway shall consult with each other to determine in what respects, if any, they desire to modify the foregoing arrangements and, in particular, to determine in what respects and to what extent they desire to arrange in this connexion for the administration by the Agency of those conditions, controls, and safeguards required by the Agency in connexion with assistance rendered by it.
- (5) The present Agreement shall come into force upon the date on which the Authority and the Institutt begin to operate the programme of research and development<sup>(1)</sup> and shall remain in force for a period of 10 years from that date. Thereafter, it may be continued in force from time to time for such periods as may be agreed between the Government of the United Kingdom and the Government of Norway.
- (6) If, after consultation as provided for in paragraph (4) above, the Governments are unable to reach agreement, either Government may terminate the present Agreement by giving twelve months' written notification to the other. In the event of such termination, all source and special nuclear materials received under the programme of research and development and which are in the possession of the Institutt or in the possession of the Government of Norway or any persons under their jurisdiction shall be returned to the Authority by the Government of Norway.

If the above proposal is acceptable to the Government of Norway, I have the honour to suggest that this Note, together with your Excellency's reply to that effect, shall be regarded as constituting an Agreement between the two Governments on the above terms.

I have, &c.

SELWYN LLOYD.

(1) August 7, 1957.

No. 2

*The Norwegian Ambassador at London to the Secretary of State for Foreign  
Affairs.*

Sir,

*Royal Norwegian Embassy,  
London, 12th July, 1957.*

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Note of to-day's date reading as follows:—

[As in No. 1]

In reply I have the honour to inform you that the proposals set forth in your Note are acceptable to the Government of Norway, who also agree to the suggestion that your Note and the present reply shall be regarded as constituting an Agreement between the two Governments in this matter.

I have, &c.

P. PREBENSEN.

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