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between the Government of the
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on Co-operation in Space Research

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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 ON CO-OPERATION IN SPACE RESEARCH

No. 1

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

Department of State,

Excellency:

Washington, September 8, 1961.

I have the honor to refer to the discussions on space research held in Washington between representatives of the Government of the United States of America and of the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and to propose that the two Governments should now conclude an agreement to join together in a mutually beneficial program of cooperation in space research to expand human knowledge of phenomena in space through the use of space vehicles.

This program, which would form part of a world-wide scientific effort to study extra-terrestrial conditions, would consist of a series of experiments cooperatively planned and conducted by designated agencies of the two Governments and would be carried out in accordance with the following provisions:

- (1) Each Government shall designate a Cooperating Agency or Agencies which shall be responsible for carrying out the program of space research. For the Government of the United States, the Cooperating Agency shall be the National Aeronautics and Space Administration; and for the Government of the United Kingdom the Cooperating Agencies shall be such agencies as that Government may from time to time designate through the normal diplomatic channels⁽¹⁾.
- (2) The specific number and type of the scientific experiments to be performed under this program, as well as the time-table for putting such experiments into effect, and the allocation of technical, operational and financial responsibilities for each such experiment, shall be as agreed between the Cooperating Agencies of the two Governments.
- (3)(a) The Government of the United States and the Government of the United Kingdom shall accord to each other complete cooperation in the planning and conduct of this program and to this end, under specific arrangements to be determined by the Cooperating Agencies of the two Governments, shall:
 - (i) exchange reports, data, and other information connected with the program; and

⁽¹⁾ The United Kingdom Government informed the United States Government on September 11, 1961 that they have designated the Office of the Minister for Science.

- (ii) *arrange for exchanges of visits by scientific and technical personnel to the laboratories and other installations connected with the program which are under their respective control; in this connection, the two Governments shall, subject to the provisions of sub-paragraphs (b) and (c) below, facilitate the admission into the United States and into the United Kingdom of personnel connected with the program and of materials, equipment, instruments and goods required for the purpose of the program.*
- (b) *The admission into the receiving State of personnel of the sending State for the purposes of this program shall be subject to the laws and regulations for the time being in effect governing the admission of foreign nationals and to any policy of the Government of the receiving State restricting the admission for the purpose of employment of foreign personnel not employed by the Government of the sending State.*
- (c) *Subject to the laws and regulations for the time being in effect, no customs duties shall be charged on the importation by or on behalf of the Cooperating Agency or Agencies of the sending State into the territory of the receiving State of materials, equipment, instruments, and goods in connection with this program provided that such materials, equipment, instruments, and goods are for official use under the program and are imported under a certificate to this effect.*
- (4) *Each Government shall make available to the other Government data received by tracking stations under its control from space vehicles launched under the program. Such data shall be made available in a form to be agreed upon between the Cooperating Agencies of the two Governments.*
- (5) *The scientific results of the experiments conducted under this program shall be made available to the international scientific community under arrangements which shall be agreed upon between the Cooperating Agencies of the two Governments.*
- (6) *Subject to the availability of the necessary financial resources, this program shall remain in effect for a period of five years, and thereafter may be extended for such periods and on such terms as may be agreed upon in writing between the two Governments. Nevertheless, either Government may terminate this Agreement by giving ninety days' notice in writing to the other Government.*

If the above proposals are acceptable to the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, I have the honor to propose that this note and Your Excellency's reply to that effect shall constitute an Agreement between the two Governments in this matter which shall enter into force on the date of Your Excellency's reply.

Accept, &c.

For the Secretary of State:

WILLIAM C. BURDETT.

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

British Embassy,

Sir,

Washington, D.C., September 8, 1961.

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your Note of today's date proposing that the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the United States of America should conclude an agreement on a joint programme of space research, which Note reads as follows:

[As in No. 1]

2. I have the honour to inform you that the foregoing proposals are 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 avail, &c.

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