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between the Government of the
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
and the Government of the United States of America
amending the 1950 and 1956 Agreements
concerning the Bahamas Long-Range
Proving Ground in respect of British and
United States Representation

Washington, 17 July 1967

[The Agreement entered into force on 1 July 1967]

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OF BRITISH AND UNITED STATES REPRESENTATION**

No. 1

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

Excellency:

July 17, 1967.

I have the honor to refer to recent discussions between representatives of the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland concerning the withdrawal on June 30, 1967, from the Bahamas Long-Range Proving Ground of the Senior Member of the British Armed Forces posted thereto.

2. The Government of the United States notes that as a result of this action it would be desirable to amend certain provisions of the following Agreements between the Government of the United States and the Government of the United Kingdom:

- (a) for the Establishment in the Bahama Islands of a Long-Range Proving Ground for Guided Missiles, signed at Washington on the 21st of July, 1950;⁽¹⁾ and
- (b) concerning the Extension of the Bahamas Long-Range Proving Ground by the Establishment of Additional Sites in Ascension Island, signed at Washington on the 25th of June, 1956.⁽²⁾

3. The Government of the United States of America therefore, proposes the following amendments with respect to each of the Agreements listed in paragraph 2 above:

- (a) In Article XXI, the first sentence and the words preceding the words "shall be responsible" in the second sentence shall be replaced by: "The British and the United States representatives designated for the purpose shall jointly decide the details of the execution of this Agreement in its application to specific situations, in the best interests of all concerned. The British representative."

(1) "Treaty Series No. 74 (1950)", Cmd. 8109.

(2) "Treaty Series No. 25 (1956)", Cmd. 9810.

(b) In Articles II (5), IV (2) and XI (1), the words "the Senior Member of the British Armed Forces posted to the Bahamas Long-Range Proving Ground" or "the senior British representative posted to the Long-Range Proving Ground," as the case may be, shall be replaced by "the British representative designated for the purpose."

(c) In Article IV (2), the words "the Senior Member of the United States Armed Forces detailed to the said Proving Ground" shall be replaced by "the United States representative designated for the purpose."

4. If the foregoing 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 our two Governments which shall be regarded as having entered into force on July 1, 1967.

Accept, Excellency, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

For the Secretary of State:

GEORGE S. SPRINGSTEEN.

No. 2

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

British Embassy, Washington, D.C.,

Sir,

17 July, 1967.

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Note of the 17th of July, 1967, which reads as follows:

[As in No. 1]

2. I have the honour to inform Your Excellency 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 this reply, shall constitute an Agreement which shall be regarded as having entered into force on 1 July, 1967.

I avail myself of this opportunity to renew to you, Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

PATRICK DEAN.

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