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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 Lease of a Parcel of Land in
the British Virgin Islands for use by the
United States Navy as a Drone Launching
Facility

Washington, 1 February 1973

[The Agreement entered into force on 1 February 1973]

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by the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs
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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
CONCERNING THE LEASE OF A PARCEL OF LAND IN THE
BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS FOR USE BY THE UNITED
STATES NAVY AS A DRONE LAUNCHING FACILITY

No. 1

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

*Department of State,
Washington.*

February 1, 1973.

Excellency,

I have the honor to refer to recent discussions between representatives of our respective Governments concerning the desire of the United States Navy to lease a parcel of land containing approximately 6.0 acres on the Island of Anegada in the British Virgin Islands for use as a drone launching facility, and I have the honor to propose that the Government of the United Kingdom agree to a lease for this property, the details to be worked out by the United States Navy and the Governor of the British Virgin Islands. I further have the honor also to propose that Articles III, VII, VIII, X, and XI of the agreement between the parties of the North Atlantic Treaty regarding the status of their forces dated June 19, 1951,⁽¹⁾ apply *mutatis mutandis* to the operation by the United States Navy of the drone launching facility and the status of United States personnel on Anegada Island for that purpose.

If the foregoing proposal is acceptable to the Government of the United Kingdom, I have the honor to propose that your Excellency's reply to that effect together with this note shall constitute an agreement between the two governments.

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

For the Secretary of State:

RONALD I. SPIERS

No. 2

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

*British Embassy,
Washington, D.C.*

1 February, 1973.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Excellency's Note of today's date which reads as follows:

⁽¹⁾ Treaty Series No. 3 (1955), Cmd. 9363.

[As in No. 1]

In reply I have the honour to inform you that the foregoing proposal is acceptable to the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, who therefore agree that your Excellency's Note and the present reply shall constitute an Agreement between the two Governments which shall enter into force on this day's date.

I avail myself of the opportunity to renew to Your Excellency the assurance of my highest consideration.

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