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between the Government of the  
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland  
and the North Atlantic Treaty Organization  
regarding the Application in the United  
Kingdom of Article 10 of the Agreement on  
the Status of the North Atlantic Treaty  
Organization, National Representatives  
and International Staff of  
20 September 1951

Brussels, 29 May 1974

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by the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs  
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**EXCHANGE OF NOTES  
BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OF  
GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND AND THE NORTH  
ATLANTIC TREATY ORGANIZATION REGARDING THE  
APPLICATION IN THE UNITED KINGDOM OF ARTICLE 10 OF  
THE AGREEMENT ON THE STATUS OF THE NORTH ATLANTIC  
TREATY ORGANIZATION, NATIONAL REPRESENTATIVES AND  
INTERNATIONAL STAFF OF 20 SEPTEMBER 1951**

No. 1

*The United Kingdom Permanent Representative to the North Atlantic  
Council to the Secretary-General of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization*

*Brussels*

*29 May, 1974*

Your Excellency

1. I have the honour to refer to the Agreement on the Status of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, National Representatives and International Staff signed at Ottawa on 20 September 1951<sup>(1)</sup> and in particular to Article 10 of the Agreement in view of alterations in the tax system of the United Kingdom.

2. I now have the honour to propose that Article 10 should be interpreted and applied in the United Kingdom so as to accord the Organization a refund of car tax and value added tax on the purchase of new motor cars of United Kingdom manufacture, and of value added tax paid on the supply of goods or services necessary for its official activities and which are supplied on a recurring basis or involve considerable quantities of goods or considerable expenditure.

3. If the foregoing proposals are acceptable to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization I have the honour to propose that this Note, together with Your Excellency's reply in that sense, shall constitute an Agreement between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Organization which shall enter into force on the date on which the United Kingdom legislation giving effect to the Agreement comes into operation, which date will be notified to the Organization.<sup>(2)</sup>

I have the honour to be,  
with the highest consideration,  
Your Excellency's obedient Servant

E. H. PECK

*United Kingdom Permanent  
Representative to the North Atlantic  
Council*

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<sup>(1)</sup> Treaty Series No. 11 (1955), Cmd. 9383.

<sup>(2)</sup> The Agreement entered into force on 24 July 1975.

No. 2

*The Secretary-General of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization to the  
United Kingdom Permanent Representative to the North Atlantic Council*

*Brussels, 29 May, 1974*

Your Excellency

I have the honour to refer to your Excellency's Note of 29 May, 1974 which reads as follows :

[As in No. 1]

I have the honour to inform you that the foregoing proposals are acceptable to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, who therefore agree that Your Excellency's Note and the present reply shall constitute an Agreement between the Organization and the Government of the United Kingdom which shall enter into force on the date on which the United Kingdom legislation giving effect to the Agreement comes into operation.

I have the honour to be,  
with the highest consideration,  
Your Excellency's obedient Servant

J. LUNS

*Secretary-General to the  
North Atlantic Treaty Organization.*