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Exchange of Notes amending the Headquarters Agreement

between the
Government of the United Kingdom of
Great Britain and Northern Ireland
and

INTELSAT

Washington, 18 September 1997 and 7 October 1997

[The Exchange of Notes entered into force on 1 August 1999]

*Presented to Parliament
by the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs
by Command of Her Majesty
March 2000*

JULIA (BARRIE)

**EXCHANGE OF NOTES AMENDING THE HEADQUARTERS AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT
BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND AND INTELSAT**

No. 1

Her Majesty's Ambassador at Washington to the Director General of INTELSAT

British Embassy

Washington

18 September 1997

I have the honour to refer to Article 4, paragraph 1 and Article 7, paragraph 3, of the Protocol on INTELSAT Privileges, Exemptions and Immunities, done at Washington on 19 May 1978,¹ and to subsequent discussions between representatives of the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and of INTELSAT concerning the granting of relief from national non-domestic rates to the premises of INTELSAT's London Regional Support Centre and the application of social security provisions established by the law of the United Kingdom to certain members of staff of the London Regional Support Centre.

I now have the honour to propose an Agreement in the following terms:

INTELSAT shall be granted relief from national non-domestic rates levied on its premises in the United Kingdom with the exception of the proportion which represents payments for specific services rendered. These rates shall, in the first instance, be paid in full by the Government of the United Kingdom, which shall recover from INTELSAT the proportion which represents payments for specific services rendered.

Provided that they are covered by the social security scheme of INTELSAT, staff members of INTELSAT as defined in Article 1(g) of the Protocol on INTELSAT Privileges, Exemptions and Immunities who are not British citizens, British Dependent Territories citizens, British Overseas citizens, British Nationals (Overseas) or permanently resident in the United Kingdom shall enjoy exemptions whereby services rendered by them for INTELSAT shall be deemed to be excepted from any employment in respect of which contributions are payable under enactments in force in relation to social security in the United Kingdom.

In addition, the Government propose that INTELSAT shall be accorded a refund of insurance premium tax and air passenger duty necessarily paid by its London Regional Support Centre in the exercise of that Centre's official activities.

If the foregoing proposal is acceptable to INTELSAT, I have the honour to propose that this Note, together with your reply in that sense, shall constitute an Agreement between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and INTELSAT, which shall enter into force on the date on which the United Kingdom legislation giving effect to this Agreement comes into force, which date shall be notified to INTELSAT.

I have the honour to convey to you Sir the assurances of my highest consideration.

JOHN KERR

¹Treaty Series (1981) Cmnd. 8103.

No. 2

The Director General of INTELSAT to Her Majesty's Ambassador at Washington

Washington

7 October 1997

I have the honor to refer to Your Excellency's Note of 18 September 1997, which reads as follows:

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I have the honor to inform you that the foregoing proposal is acceptable to INTELSAT, which therefore agree that Your Excellency's Note and the present reply shall constitute an agreement between INTELSAT and the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, which shall enter into force on the date on which the United Kingdom legislation giving effect to this agreement comes into force.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

IRVING GOLDSTEIN

