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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 Establishment on Ascension
Island of an Additional Facility to be
operated for the United States National
Aeronautics and Space Administration

London, 7 July 1965

*Presented to Parliament by the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs
by Command of Her Majesty
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CONCERNING THE ESTABLISHMENT ON ASCENSION ISLAND
OF AN ADDITIONAL FACILITY TO BE OPERATED FOR THE
UNITED STATES NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE
ADMINISTRATION**

No. 1

*The Ambassador of the United States of America to the Secretary of State
for Foreign Affairs*

Excellency:

London, July 7, 1965.

I have the honour to refer to the Agreement between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland Concerning the Extension of the Bahamas Long Range Proving Ground by the Establishment of Additional Sites in Ascension Island which was signed at Washington on the 25th of June, 1956.⁽¹⁾

2. The Government of the United States now desires to establish on Ascension Island on a plot of land known as Devils Ashpit a facility to be operated for the United States National Aeronautics and Space Administration which would provide early post-injection tracking of direct ascent lunar and planetary spacecraft and also provide support for the Apollo programme.

3. I have the honour to propose that the provisions of the aforesaid Agreement should apply to this facility, and that its installation, operation and maintenance should be regarded as authorised, notwithstanding paragraphs 1 and 3 of Article II and Article XIX of the Agreement. I further propose that the plot of land at Devils Ashpit on which the facility will be erected should be regarded as a site provided under the terms of Article IV of the Agreement. The exact topographical definition of the site and any easements shall be definitely established by agreement between the United States authorities and the United Kingdom authorities.

4. If the foregoing proposals are acceptable to the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, I have the honour to suggest that this Note together with your reply in that sense should be regarded as constituting an Agreement between the two Governments which shall take effect on this date and remain in force for the duration of the Agreement of the 25th of June, 1956 referred to above.

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

DAVID BRUCE.

⁽¹⁾ "Treaty Series No. 25 (1956)", Cmd. 9810.

No. 2

*The Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs to the Ambassador of the
United States of America*

Foreign Office, S.W.1,

7 July, 1965.

Your Excellency,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Note of the 7th of July, 1965, which reads as follows:

[As in No. 1]

2. In reply I wish to inform Your Excellency that the foregoing proposal is acceptable to the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, who therefore agree that your Note and this reply shall be regarded as constituting an Agreement between the two Governments, which shall enter into force on this date and remain in force for the duration of the Agreement of the 25th of June, 1956 referred to above.

I have the honour to be,

with the highest consideration,

Your Excellency's obedient Servant,

(For the Secretary of State)

J. O. RENNIE.

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