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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
regarding arrangements for the use by
United Kingdom Forces of Military
Facilities on Ascension Island

London, 25 March 1985

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by the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs
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No. 1

*The Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs to the Ambassador
for the United States of America
Foreign and Commonwealth Office
London
25 March 1985*

Excellency

1. I have the honour to refer to the Agreement of June 25 1956⁽¹⁾ concerning the extension of the Bahamas Long Range Proving Ground by the establishment of additional sites on Ascension Island; the Exchange of Notes of August 24 and 25 1959⁽²⁾ concerning the practical application of the Agreement of June 25 1956; the Exchange of Notes of August 29 1962⁽³⁾ concerning the use of the Airfield at Wideawake on Ascension Islands by Aircraft of the Royal Air Force; the Exchange of Notes of July 17 1967⁽⁴⁾ amending the 1956 Agreement referred to above in respect of British and United States Representation; and the Exchange of Notes of March 30 1973⁽⁵⁾ concerning the expanded use of Ascension Island.

2. I also have the honour to refer to the decision of the Government of the United Kingdom to establish forces on Ascension Island and to make the following proposals:

- (a) arrangements shall be made for the use by United Kingdom forces of military facilities on those sites provided or to be provided for the United States on Ascension Island in accordance with the provisions of the agreements referred to in paragraph 1 of this Note
- (b) the arrangements shall be established in a Memorandum of Understanding to be concluded between the Ministry of Defence representing the Government of the United Kingdom and the Department of Defense representing the Government of the United States.

3. If the foregoing proposals are acceptable to the Government of the United States of America, I have the honour to propose that this Note together with your reply shall be regarded as constituting an Agreement between our

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

⁽²⁾ Treaty Series No. 77 (1959), Cmnd. 867.

⁽³⁾ Treaty Series No. 71 (1962), Cmnd. 1869.

⁽⁴⁾ Treaty Series No. 85 (1967), Cmnd. 3421.

⁽⁵⁾ Treaty Series No. 55 (1973), Cmnd. 5311.

two Governments which shall enter into force on the date of your reply and remain in force for the duration of the Agreement of June 25 1956 or until one year from the day on which either Government gives notice to the other of its intention to terminate the Agreement.

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

For the Secretary of State

Charles D. Sanderson

No. 2

*The Ambassador of the United States of America to the Secretary of State for
Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs
Embassy of the United States of America
London
March 25, 1985*

No. 53

Excellency:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your Note of March 25, 1985 which reads as follows:

[As in No. 1]

In reply I have the honor to inform you that the foregoing proposals are acceptable to the Government of the United States of America, who therefore agree that your Note, together with this reply, shall constitute an Agreement between the two Governments in this matter which shall enter into force on this day's date.

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

CHARLES H. PRICE II

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