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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

regarding the terms of use  
by the United States Government of land  
at Madingley, near Cambridge, as a  
United States Military Cemetery

London, June 21, 1954

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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 REGARDING THE TERMS OF USE BY THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT OF LAND AT MADINGLEY, NEAR CAMBRIDGE, AS A UNITED STATES MILITARY CEMETERY**

*London, June 21, 1954*

No. 1

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

*Foreign Office, S.W. 1,*

*June 21, 1954.*

Your Excellency,

I have the honour to refer to the discussions between the United States and British military authorities which took place in London in March 1948 and subsequently, for the purpose of settling the terms of use, by the Government of the United States of America, of land at Madingley, near Cambridge, as a United States Military Cemetery. As a contribution towards the happy relationship between this country and the United States of America, the University of Cambridge have now arranged for the land in question, which is defined in pink and brown on the map at Annex A hereto, to be conveyed, in the form of a gift, to Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland. As a result of the discussions, Her Majesty's Government are ready to make the land defined in pink available to the American Battle Monuments Commission for use as a cemetery, on the following conditions, for as long as it may be required for that purpose:—

- (a) The areas defined in pink and brown on the map shall remain vested in Her Majesty's War Office.
- (b) The American Battle Monuments Commission shall accept responsibility for all expenses concerning the permanent layout and subsequent upkeep of the cemetery.
- (c) The strip of land coloured brown on the map is being dedicated as a public footpath in lieu of the one at present crossing the site of the cemetery, which will be permanently closed. The American Battle Monuments Commission shall accept responsibility for the erection and maintenance of the fencing on both sides of the public footpath coloured brown.
- (d) No plans for buildings or other architectural features, which would involve variations or deviations from the master-plans of the cemetery (copies at Annexes B, C and D hereto)<sup>(1)</sup>, shall be carried out without prior reference to Her Majesty's War Office.
- (e) Arrangements shall be made by Her Majesty's Government so that, during such time as the area defined in pink on the map is used as a cemetery, the area coloured yellow will be restricted to agricultural use, and the American Battle Monuments Commission will be consulted about any proposal to develop the area coloured blue.
- (f) Any rates or taxes, which may be levied on the land referred to in sub-paragraph (a) above, or on property thereon, shall be paid by Her Majesty's Government, and shall not be a charge on the United States Government.

(1) Not reproduced.

The conditions set out in the preceding paragraph are acceptable to Her Majesty's Government and, if they are equally acceptable to the Government of the United States, I have the honour to suggest that the present Note, and its Annexes, together with your Excellency's reply to that effect, shall be regarded as constituting an agreement between the two Governments in this matter, which shall enter into force as from to-day's date.

I have, &c.

ANTHONY EDEN.

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No. 2

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

*United States Embassy,*

*London, June 21, 1954.*

Excellency,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Excellency's Note of to-day's date, referring to the discussions which have taken place between representatives of our two Governments for the purpose of settling the terms of use, by the Government of the United States of America, of land at Madingley, near Cambridge, as a United States Military Cemetery; informing me that the land in question has now been conveyed by the University of Cambridge to Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, in the form of a gift, as a contribution towards the happy relationship between our two countries; and indicating the conditions upon which, as a result of the discussions, Her Majesty's Government is prepared to make the land available to the United States Government. These conditions are set forth in sub-paragraphs (a) to (f) of paragraph 2 of your Excellency's Note.

In reply I have the honor to confirm that the conditions set forth in your Note are also acceptable to the Government of the United States of America and that it agrees with your suggestion that your Note, including the Annexes thereto, together with the present reply, shall be regarded as constituting an agreement between the two Governments in this matter which shall enter into force as from to-day's date.

Please accept, &c.

WINTHROP W. ALDRICH.