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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

rectifying the Agreement of the
15th of June, 1955 for Co-operation on the
Civil Uses of Atomic Energy

Washington, October 20/November 3, 1955

*Presented by the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs to Parliament
by Command of Her Majesty
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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 RECTIFYING THE AGREEMENT OF THE 15th OF JUNE, 1955 FOR CO-OPERATION ON THE CIVIL USES OF ATOMIC ENERGY

Washington, October 20/November 3, 1955

No. 1

Her Majesty's Ambassador at Washington to the United States Secretary of State

British Embassy,

Washington, D.C., October 20, 1955.

Sir,

I have the honour to refer to the Agreement between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the United States of America for Co-operation on the Civil Uses of Atomic Energy signed in Washington on June 15, 1955⁽¹⁾ and to draw your Excellency's attention to an error in the wording of Article VII A. (1).

According to the present text of Article VII A. (1) each Party

“ agrees to transfer and assign to the other Party all right, title, and interest in and to any such invention, discovery, patent application, or patent in the country of that other Party, to the extent owned, subject to a royalty-free, non-exclusive, irrevocable licence for the governmental purposes of such other Party and for purposes of mutual defence.”

In the view of Her Majesty's Government, the provision in question should read as follows :—

“ agrees to transfer and assign to the other Party all right, title, and interest in and to any such invention, discovery, patent application, or patent in the country of that other Party, to the extent owned, subject to a royalty-free, non-exclusive, irrevocable licence for the governmental purposes of the transferring and assigning Party and for purposes of mutual defence.”

If your Excellency confirms that the Government of the United States agree with the view of Her Majesty's Government, I have the honour to propose that the text of Article VII A. (1) shall be considered as corrected to read in the manner suggested above and that this Note, together with your reply to it, shall constitute an agreement to this effect.

I avail, &c.

(For the Ambassador).

J. H. A. WATSON.

⁽¹⁾ “Treaty Series No. 55 (1955),” Cmd. 9560.

No. 2

*The United States Acting Secretary of State to Her Majesty's Ambassador
at Washington*

Department of State,

Washington, November 3, 1955.

Excellency,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Note of October 20, 1955, in which you drew attention to an error in the wording of Article VII A. (1) of the Agreement between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the United States of America for Co-operation on the Civil Uses of Atomic Energy signed in Washington on June 15, 1955.

In reply, I have the honor to inform you that the Government of the United States confirms the view of the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland that there is an error in the present text of Article VII A. (1) and agrees that the provision in question should be considered as corrected to read as suggested in your Note and that your Note, together with this reply to it, shall constitute an agreement to this effect.

Accept, &c.

(For the Acting Secretary of State).

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