

AUSTRALIA



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# Exchange of Notes

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

concerning the Establishment by the  
United Kingdom of a Monitoring  
Station in the Perth area of  
Australia

Canberra, 31 October 1972

[The Agreement entered into force on 31 October 1972]

*Presented to Parliament  
by the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs  
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**EXCHANGE OF NOTES  
BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED KINGDOM  
OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND AND THE  
GOVERNMENT OF AUSTRALIA CONCERNING THE  
ESTABLISHMENT BY THE UNITED KINGDOM OF A  
MONITORING STATION IN THE PERTH AREA OF  
AUSTRALIA**

No. 1

*The Minister for Foreign Affairs of Australia to the United Kingdom  
Acting High Commissioner at Canberra*

*Canberra*

*31 October 1972*

Sir,

I have the honour to refer to discussions concerning a project for the establishment by the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (hereinafter referred to as "the Government of the United Kingdom") of facilities in the Perth area for the purpose of operating a station to monitor compliance with the Treaty banning Nuclear Weapons Tests in the Atmosphere, in Outer Space and under Water done at Moscow on 5th August 1963<sup>(1)</sup> (hereinafter referred to as "the Partial Test Ban Treaty") and to make the following proposals:

- (a) The Government of the United Kingdom shall establish and operate at the Royal Australian Air Force Base, Pearce, Western Australia, installations for the purpose of monitoring compliance with the Partial Test Ban Treaty and to this end the Royal Australian Air Force shall make available certain facilities.
- (b) The costs of and incidental to the project shall be met by the Government of the United Kingdom in accordance with the detailed arrangements made by the co-operating Agencies of the two Governments.
- (c) Data collected as a result of the operation of the station shall be made available to the Government of the Commonwealth of Australia in accordance with arrangements to be made by the two Governments.
- (d) Detailed arrangements relating to the project may be made by the co-operating Agencies of the two Governments. On the part of the Government of the United Kingdom the co-operating Agency shall be the United Kingdom Atomic Energy Authority. On the part of the Government of the Commonwealth of Australia the co-operating Agency shall be the Department of Air.

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<sup>(1)</sup> Treaty Series No. 3 (1964), Cmnd. 2245.

I have the honour to suggest that, if these proposals are acceptable to the Government of the United Kingdom, this Note and your reply to that effect shall constitute an agreement between our two Governments which shall remain in effect for a period of ten years from the date of your reply, and may be extended as agreed, subject to the right of either Government to terminate it on giving ninety days' notice in writing to the other.

Please accept, Sir, the assurances of my high consideration.

NIGEL BOWEN

No. 2

*The United Kingdom Acting High Commissioner at Canberra to the Minister  
for Foreign Affairs of Australia*

*British High Commission,  
Canberra  
31 October 1972*

Mr. Minister,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Note of 31 October which reads as follows:

[As in No. 1]

I have the honour to inform you that these proposals are acceptable to the Government of the United Kingdom and that they agree that your Note and this reply shall constitute an Agreement between our two Governments which shall remain in effect for a period of ten years from the date of this reply, and may be extended as agreed, subject to the right of either Government to terminate it on giving ninety days' notice in writing to the other.

I avail myself of this opportunity, Sir, to renew to you the assurance of my highest consideration.

D. P. AIERS