

No. 8737. EXCHANGE OF NOTES CONSTITUTING AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA CONCERNING THE AVAILABILITY FOR DEFENCE PURPOSES OF THE BRITISH INDIAN OCEAN TERRITORY. LONDON, 30 DECEMBER 1966<sup>1</sup>

EXCHANGE OF NOTES CONSTITUTING AN AGREEMENT<sup>2</sup> AMENDING THE ABOVE-MENTIONED AGREEMENT, AS SUPPLEMENTED, LONDON, 22 JUNE 1976

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

FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH OFFICE  
LONDON

22 June 1976

No. HKT 040/1

Your Excellency

I have the honour to refer to recent discussions between representatives of the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the United States of America concerning the Agreement constituted by the Exchange of Notes dated 30 December 1966<sup>3</sup> concerning the availability of the British Indian Ocean Territory islands for defence purposes (hereinafter referred to as "the Agreement") and to propose that the Agreement be amended by deleting the following words in the opening paragraph:

“ , and the islands of Aldabra, Farquhar and Desroches”.

If the foregoing proposal is acceptable to the Government of the United States of America, I have the honour to propose that this Note and Your Excellency's reply to that effect shall constitute an Agreement between the two Governments to amend the agreement of 30 December 1966 with effect from 28 June 1976.

I have the honour to be, with the highest consideration, Your Excellency's obedient Servant

(for the Secretary of State)  
E. N. LARMOUR

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*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

June 22 1976

Dear Secretary:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your Note no. HKT 040/1 of June 22 which reads as follows:

<sup>1</sup> United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 603, p. 273, and annex A in volumes 866 and 1018.

<sup>2</sup> Came into force on 28 June 1976, in accordance with the provisions of the said notes.

<sup>3</sup> United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 603, p. 273.

[See note I]

In reply I have the honor to inform you that the foregoing proposal is acceptable to the Government of the United States of America which therefore approves Your Excellency's suggestion that your Note and this reply shall constitute an Agreement between the two Governments to amend the Agreement of 30 December 1966 with effect from 28 June 1976.

Accept, Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

ANNE ARMSTRONG

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