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# Exchanges of Notes

between the Government of the  
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland  
and the Government of the United States of America

## concerning the Future Status and Use of Beane Field in St. Lucia

London, August 20, 1964

*Presented to Parliament by the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs  
by Command of Her Majesty  
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**EXCHANGES OF NOTES BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA CONCERNING THE FUTURE STATUS AND USE OF BEANE FIELD IN ST. LUCIA**

No. 1

*The United States Ambassador to Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs*

No. 8

*London,*

Your Excellency,

*August 20, 1964.*

I have the honor to refer to recent conversations between representatives of the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland concerning the future status and use of Beane Field in St. Lucia.

2. In accordance with Article IV (3) of the Agreement between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Federation of the West Indies concerning United States defence areas in the Federation of The West Indies, signed at Port of Spain on the 10th of February, 1961,<sup>(1)</sup> (hereinafter referred to as "the 1961 Agreement"), the United States Government hereby notifies the Government of the United Kingdom that it no longer requires and has now vacated the defence areas on St. Lucia except for the following:

- (1) Tract SL-1000 (Moule à Chique) on definitive map 4A;
- (2) Tract SL-1001 (Mont le Blanc) on definitive map 4B.

3. I understand that the Government of the United Kingdom agrees to accept the attached Annex D as a new text of the existing Annex D to the 1961 Agreement describing the rights and areas acquired and retained by the United States Government on St. Lucia. I therefore have the honor to propose that the attached Annex D shall supersede and replace the existing Annex D of the 1961 Agreement and become an integral part of that Agreement.

4. If the foregoing provisions are acceptable to the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, I have the honor to propose that this Note, together with its Annex, and Your Excellency's reply to that effect, shall constitute an Agreement between our two Governments which shall enter into force on this day's date.

Accept, etc.

**DAVID BRUCE.**

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<sup>(1)</sup> Cmnd. 1369.

## ANNEX D

### *Defense Areas, Rights of Way and Easements*

(1) The defense areas at Moule à Chique and Mont le Blanc are shown definitively on map 4A (Moule à Chique) and 4B (Mont le Blanc), copies of which are attached hereto.<sup>(2)</sup> Certain rights of access, rights of way, and easements required for the use of these areas are shown on maps 4A or 4B or on map RE2889-1, a copy of which is also attached hereto.<sup>(2)</sup> Additional rights of access, rights of way and easements as required will be surveyed by the United States.

### *Nature of Rights*

(2) (a) The rights vested in the United States Government by virtue of this Agreement include the right to maintain and operate within the defense areas an electronic research and test station, including its associated instrumentation, detection and communications systems.

(b) No wireless station, submarine cable, land line or other installation shall be established by the United States Government outside the defense areas except at such place or places as may be agreed. Any submarine cable or wireless station shall be sited and operated in such a way that it will not cause interference with established civil communications.

(c) When submarine cables are no longer required for the purposes of this Agreement, their disposal or further use shall be subject to consultation between the parties and, in the absence of agreement, they shall be removed by and at the expense of the United States Government.

### *Roads*

(3) The United States Government shall consult from time to time with the Government of St. Lucia for the purpose of agreeing upon the extent of any damage to roads which may have been caused by United States' operations, and the repairs which are necessary. The United States Government shall either make these repairs or reimburse their cost to the local Government.

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No. 2

*Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs to the  
United States Ambassador*

*Foreign Office, S.W. 1,*

Your Excellency,

*August 20, 1964.*

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your Note No. 8 of the 20th of August, 1964, which reads as follows:

[As in No. 1]

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(2) Not reproduced.

In reply I have the honour to state that the foregoing provisions are acceptable to the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland who therefore agree that Your Excellency's Note together with its Annex and the present reply shall constitute an Agreement between the two Governments which shall enter into force on this day's date.

I have, etc.

(For the Secretary of State).

G. E. HALL.

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No. 3

*The United States Ambassador to Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State  
for Foreign Affairs*

No. 9

London,

Your Excellency,

August 20, 1964.

I have the honor to refer to recent conversations between representatives of the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland concerning the *future status and use of Beane Field in St. Lucia*. Although the two Governments have today agreed that Beane Field should no longer be a defence area under the Agreement between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Federation of The West Indies, signed at Port of Spain on the 10th of February, 1961 (hereinafter referred to as "the 1961 Agreement"), the United States Government nevertheless wish to enjoy the following rights at Beane Field Airport:

- (a) If Beane Field Airport is open for civil use, aircraft owned or operated by or on behalf of the United States Government shall at all times be entitled to unrestricted use of the airport, and in respect of such use the following provisions of the 1961 Agreement shall be applicable: Article V; Article VII (it being understood that no charges shall be payable for any airport services provided); Articles VIII, IX and X.
- (b) If Beane Field Airport is not open for civil use, the United States Government may, upon notifying the Governments of the United Kingdom and St. Lucia, use the airport at its expense under the provisions of the 1961 Agreement. Administrative arrangements for United States use of the airport under this paragraph will be made between the appropriate authorities of the United States Government and the Government of St. Lucia.
- (c) If the United States Government uses Beane Field Airport pursuant to the preceding sub-paragraph, the airport will be open for civil use during periods of United States use under the terms of the Agreement of February 24, 1948, between the Government of the United Kingdom and the United States Government concerning the opening of certain military air bases in the Caribbean Area and Bermuda to use by civil

aircraft.<sup>(3)</sup> The United States Government shall give notice as far in advance as is practicable if it becomes necessary to limit or suspend civil air operations at Beane Field pursuant to Article VI of that Agreement.

(d) The United States Government and United States contractors may, without charge, use the pier and warehouse at Beane Field for the purposes of the 1961 Agreement.

2. If the foregoing provisions are acceptable to the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, I have the honor to propose that this Note and Your Excellency's reply to that effect shall constitute an Agreement between our two Governments which shall enter into force on this day's date.

Accept, etc.

DAVID BRUCE.

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No. 4

*Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs to the  
United States Ambassador*

*Foreign Office, S.W. 1,*

Your Excellency,

*August 20, 1964.*

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your Note No. 9 of the 20th of August, 1964, which reads as follows :

[As in No. 3]

In reply I have the honour to state that the foregoing provisions are acceptable to the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland who therefore agree that Your Excellency's Note and the present reply shall constitute an Agreement between the two Governments which shall enter into force on this day's date.

I have, etc.

(For the Secretary of State),

G. E. HALL.

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