



Treaty Series No. 27 (1975)

Exchange of Notes

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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
concerning Mutual Co-operation between
the Social Security Authorities of Great
Britain and the United States of America

London, 21 August 1974

[The Agreement entered into force on 1 November 1974]

*Presented to Parliament
by the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs
by Command of Her Majesty
February 1975*

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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
CONCERNING MUTUAL CO-OPERATION BETWEEN THE
SOCIAL SECURITY AUTHORITIES OF GREAT BRITAIN
AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

No. 1

*The Chargé d'Affaires ad interim of the United States of America to the
Minister of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs*

No. 23

*Embassy of the United States of America
London*

21 August 1974.

Excellency :

I have the honor to refer to the discussions which have taken place between representatives of the Social Security Administration of the United States Department of Health, Education and Welfare and of the Department of Health and Social Security of Great Britain about the provisions of the United States Social Security Act which concern the making of claims and the payment of benefits in respect of persons who are outside the United States and about the provisions of the National Insurance Acts of Great Britain which concern the determination of benefits and the continuing entitlement to benefits in respect of persons who are outside Great Britain. On the basis of these discussions, I have the honor to propose an agreement concerning mutual assistance in these matters over a trial period of twelve months in the following terms :

- (a) The Department of Health and Social Security of Great Britain shall, without charge, assist the Social Security Administration of the United States Department of Health, Education and Welfare on any matter, agreed by the two Departments, relating to the determination of benefits and the continuation of entitlement to benefits as if the matter were one affecting the application of the legislation of Great Britain;
- (b) The Social Security Administration of the United States Department of Health, Education and Welfare shall, without charge, assist the Department of Health and Social Security of Great Britain on any matter, agreed by the two Departments, relating to the determination of benefits and the continuation of entitlement to benefits as if the matter were one affecting the application of the legislation of the United States.

If these proposals are acceptable to the Government of the United Kingdom, this Note and Your Excellency's reply to that effect shall constitute an agreement between our two Governments, which shall enter

into force on a date to be agreed between the two Departments and which shall remain in force for one year.

Accept, Excellency, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

EARL D. SOHM.

Chargé d'Affaires ad interim

No. 2

The Minister of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs to the Chargé d'Affaires ad interim of the United States of America

*Foreign and Commonwealth Office,
London, SW1.*

21 August 1974.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your Note No. 23 of 21 August 1974 which reads as follows:

[As in No. 1]

I have the honour to inform you that the foregoing proposal is acceptable to the Government of the United Kingdom who therefore agree that your Note together with this reply shall constitute an Agreement between the two Governments which shall enter into force on a date to be agreed between the two Departments⁽¹⁾ and which shall remain in force for one year.

I have the honour to be, with
high consideration,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

DAVID ENNALS

(1) The Agreement entered into force on 1 November 1974.