

UNITED STATES



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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
amending the Agreement of
30 December 1966 concerning the
availability for Defence Purposes of the
British Indian Ocean Territory

London, 22 June 1976

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by the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs
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CONCERNING THE AVAILABILITY FOR DEFENCE PURPOSES
OF THE BRITISH INDIAN OCEAN TERRITORY**

No. 1

*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 concerning the availability of the British Indian Ocean Territory islands for defence purposes⁽¹⁾ (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

⁽¹⁾ Treaty Series No. 15 (1967), Cmnd. 3231.

No. 2

*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:

[As in No. 1]

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