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Excellency,

I have the honour to refer to the Exchange of Notes constituting an Agreement between the Government of New Zealand and the Government of the United States of America regarding the Provision of Facilities in New Zealand for United States Antarctic Expeditions, which was concluded at Wellington on 24 December 1958. As you know, the Agreement constituted by this Exchange terminated, in accordance with its terms, on 31 December 1959, but discussions have been held between the United States and New Zealand authorities regarding its prolongation.

Cooperation between the Governments of New Zealand and the United States of America during and since the International Geophysical Year period made possible the fulfilment of wide programmes of scientific exploration in the Antarctic. The recently concluded Antarctic Treaty provides scope for the extension of this relationship. Accordingly the New Zealand Government wishes to provide whatever assistance it can in connection with the continuing United States operations in Antarctica. I therefore have the honour to propose an agreement between our two Governments in the following terms:

1. The Agreement constituted by the Exchange of Notes of 24 December 1958 shall, subject to the provisions of the present agreement, be regarded as remaining in force for the full period during which United States personnel,

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His Excellency Mr Francis H. Russell,

Ambassador of the United States of  
America,

WELLINGTON.

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ships and aircraft continue in future to be based in New Zealand in connection with United States operations in Antarctica.

2. Each Government will arrange for the earliest possible notification to be given to the other Government, prior to the beginning of each Antarctic season, of the nature and scope of the operations which it is planning for that season.
3. The two Governments agree to consult together at any time, at the request of either, regarding the operation, application or amendment of the present agreement.
4. Either Government may at any time give to the other Government notice of intention to terminate the present agreement. In such case the present agreement shall terminate after the expiration of ninety days from the date on which the notice is received.

If the proposals contained in this note are acceptable to the Government of the United States of America, I have the honour to suggest that this note and your reply thereto, should constitute an agreement between our two Governments, with effect from 1 January 1960.

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

W. Nash.

Minister of External Affairs.

No. 26

Wellington, October 18, 1960.

Excellency:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your note of today's date, the text of which reads as follows:

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The Right Honorable

Walter Nash, C.H.,

Minister of External Affairs,

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I have the honor to inform you that the Government of the United States of America accepts the proposals contained in your

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note, and regards your note and my present reply as constituting  
an agreement between our two Governments.

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

*Francis H. Russell*