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## Exchange of Notes

between the Government of the  
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland  
and the Greek Government

for the maintenance of a Royal Air Force  
Communications Flight in Greece

Athens, 5th June, 1947

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*Sir Clifford Norton to Monsieur Constantine Tsaldaris*

*British Embassy,*

*Athens, 5th June, 1947*

Your Excellency,

I HAVE the honour to state that His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland have proposed that, after the withdrawal of the Royal Air Force from its present responsibilities in connexion with the operational control and maintenance of Hassani Air Port, facilities be accorded by the Royal Hellenic Air Force which would enable the Royal Air Force to maintain at Hassani a Communications Flight to serve the needs of the British Forces in Greece so long as these forces remain.

In order to assist in the operation and maintenance of the aircraft of this Flight, His Majesty's Government also propose that the Royal Air Force should maintain a small detachment of officers and men at Sedes Airfield and at any other airfield in Greece at which, from time to time, such a detachment may become necessary.

I desire to assure Your Excellency that the names of any Greek subjects who may be employed in any capacity by the Royal Air Force in connexion with the operation or maintenance of this Flight will be, for reasons of security, agreed with the Greek Ministry for Air. It is also understood by His Majesty's Government that the Royal Air Force personnel belonging to the Communications Flight or to the detachments referred to above will conform to such Greek flying and aerodrome regulations as may be in force.

I should be grateful if Your Excellency will inform me whether the Royal Hellenic Government are prepared to accord the necessary facilities for the operation of the proposed Communications Flight based at Hassani Air Port as stated above. In that event the present Note and Your Excellency's reply to that effect will be regarded as constituting an agreement between our two Governments.

I avail myself, &c.

(Sd.)

C. J. NORTON

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II

*Monsieur Tsaldaris to Sir Clifford Norton*

*Ministère Royal des Affaires Étrangères,  
Athens, 5th June, 1947*

Your Excellency,

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge the receipt of Your Note of to-day's date, which runs as follows :

[As in No. I]

I hasten to inform Your Excellency that the Royal Hellenic Government are prepared to accord the necessary facilities for the operation of the proposed Communications Flight based at Hassani (Ellinicon) Air Port as stated above.

I avail myself, &c.

(Sd.) C. S. TSALDARIS

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