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Annex G(523)  
AIR MINISTRY,

LONDON, W.C.2.

13th November, 1951.

Sir,

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I am commanded by the Air Council to inform you that they desire formally to communicate to you a statement of the broad conditions in accordance with which they have agreed to the transfer of responsibility for the administration of certain Royal Air Force stations from the respective Royal Air Force operational commands to the United States Air Force.

2. These conditions, which may be reviewed from time to time in the light of experience, are contained in the appendix to this letter. The transfer of stations within Fighter Command is further subject to the terms of the agreement dated 23rd August, 1951 between the Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief Fighter Command and the Commanding General 3rd Air Force on the Direction and Control of U.S.A.F. Fighter Interceptor Wings in the United Kingdom.

3. Stations in Maintenance Command, the administration of which has been similarly transferred to the United States, Air Force have been or are being dealt with separately.

4. I am to request you to confirm that these conditions are acceptable to you.

I am, Sir,  
Your obedient Servant,

(SGD.) R.E. MELVILLE



The Commanding General,  
3rd Air Force,  
U.S.A.F.

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Appendix to Air  
Council Letter dated  
13.11.51.

General Conditions governing the transfer of administrative  
responsibility for certain stations from the Royal Air Force  
to the United States Air Force

1. GENERAL

Such estate, right, title, interest or right of possession as the Air Ministry may have in the R.A.F. Stations named in the annex will remain vested in that Department. The Stations will be available for use by U.S.A.F. units so long as, in the opinion of both the United States and the United Kingdom Governments, the presence of such units in the United Kingdom is considered desirable in the interest of common defence. These arrangements will terminate as soon as, in the opinion of either the United Kingdom or the United States Government, collective security has been assured in accordance with the principles laid down in the Charter of the United Nations. The stations will continue to be known as R.A.F. Stations.

2. LIAISON

The R.A.F. will provide liaison staff who will discharge such R.A.F. responsibilities as remain on each station, e.g. works services and liaison with local authorities. The senior R.A.F. officer at each station will assume the title of "R.A.F. Commander and Senior Liaison Officer".

3. FINANCIAL AND ACCOUNTING ARRANGEMENTS

Current procedures will apply, subject to such modifications as may be agreed between the Air Ministry and Headquarters 3rd Air Force, U.S.A.F.

4. WORKS SERVICES

The existing arrangements governing the provision of Works Services by the Air Ministry Works Directorate will continue to apply.

5. EQUIPMENT

The use of items of Air Ministry equipment by the U.S.A.F. will be the subject of mutual agreement between the Command concerned and H.Q. 3rd Air Force.

ANNEX

The transfer of responsibility for the administration of the following stations has been agreed by the Air Council:-

Bomber Command

Lakenheath  
Mildenhall (except for the site occupied by  
H.Q. No. 3 Group R.A.F.)  
Sculthorpe  
Erize Norton  
Fairford  
Greenham Common  
Upper Heyford

Fighter Command

Bentwaters  
Shepherds Grove