AIR COMMUNICATIONS FACILITIES AT
PRAGUE-RUZYNE AIRFIELD

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AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CZECHOSLOVAK GOVERNMENT REPRESENTED
BY THE CZECHOSLOVAK MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT AND THE GOVERN-
MENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA REPRESENTED BY THE AMER-
ICAN EMBASSY AT PRAHA REGARDING AIR COMMUNICATIONS FACILITIES
AT PRAHA-RUZYNE AIRFIELD, PRAHA, CZECHOSLOVAKIA

The Government of Czechoslovakia agrees:

(1) To operate and maintain all facilities continually in a manner
adequate for the air traffic operating into and away from the airdrome at
which the facilities are located and along the recognized international air
routes converging on that airdrome, and, in order to insure this standard
of service, the Czechoslovak Government agrees to abide by approved Pro-
visional International Civil Aviation Organization (PICAO) standards of
operations unless changed by other international agreement to which the
Government of the United States and the Czechoslovak Government are
parties. It is understood that for this purpose the Czechoslovak Government
will, through its designated agency, make available adequate personnel for
operation and maintenance of the facilities according to the standards set
forth above. (Allowance is to be made, of course, for possible unavoidable
interruptions of the continuous operation which may result from breakdowns
in the equipment. In the case of any facilities which have not yet been placed
in operation because they have not been properly calibrated, or of other
facilities temporarily out of commission because of electrical or other mechan-
ical defects, every effort will be made to bring them into operation as soon
as may be possible.)

(2) To provide the full service of all facilities to all aircraft on a non-
discriminatory basis with charges, if any, only for non-operational messages
until an international agreement on charges has been promulgated by the
Provisional International Civil Aviation Organization.

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(3) To continue the operation of all types of facilities in their original location or at a new location mutually agreed upon by the Government of the United States and the Czechoslovak Government until new facilities are installed in accordance with standards promulgated by the Provisional International Civil Aviation Organization, or until it is determined by the Government of the Czechoslovak Republic and the United States Government that there is no longer a need for the original facilities; it being understood that the aeronautical communication service facilities will be diverted to the general communication service.

(4) To provide English-speaking operators at air-to-ground and control tower communication positions until regulations covering such voice transmissions are promulgated by the Provisional International Civil Aviation Organization and further, until such regulations are promulgated, to grant permission to a representative of the United States air carriers authorized to serve the airdrome to enter its control tower and, when in the opinion of the representative a case of necessity exists, to talk to the pilot of any United States aircraft flying in the vicinity of the airdrome, it being understood that the representative will in each instance obtain permission to enter the tower from the Officer in Charge.

(5) In consultation with the United States carriers using them, and in agreement with PICAO or ICAO regulations, to select radio frequencies for air-to-ground and control tower operations and with adjacent stations on the recognized air routes converging on the airdrome in order to minimize:

(a) radio interference, and
(b) the number of frequencies required to be operated by aircraft.

(6) To authorize and facilitate day-to-day adjustments in air communication service matters relating to the equipment covered under this agreement, by direct communication between the operation agency of Czechoslovakia and the service agency of the United States Government, United States carriers, or a communication company representing one or more of them.

The Government of the United States of America, through either the United States Army, United States Navy, Civil Aeronautics Administration, the Office of the Foreign Liquidation Commissioner, or private agency agrees:

(a) To include in the sale of the basic Installations all the maintenance parts and expendable supplies pertaining thereto that are physically located in the Czechoslovak Republic at the time of signing this agreement. The bill of sale attached hereto is an annex of this agreement.
(b) To do everything possible to assist the Government of the Czecho-
slovak Republic, or its representative, in purchasing maintenance parts and expendable supplies for the operation of the facilities.

PRAHA, CZECHOSLOVAKIA, April 8, 1947.

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