

## AIR COMMUNICATIONS FACILITIES AT PRAGUE-RUZYNE AIRFIELD

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Department of State files

AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CZECHOSLOVAK GOVERNMENT REPRESENTED BY THE CZECHOSLOVAK MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA REPRESENTED BY THE AMERICAN 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 Provisional 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 mechanical 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.

(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 PICAQ 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.*

For the Government of the Czechoslovak Republic  
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Ministry of Transport*

For the Government of the United States of America  
GEORGE F. BOGARDUS  
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