

EXCHANGE OF NOTES (JUNE 25 AND AUGUST 20, 1947) BETWEEN
CANADA AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA CONSTITUTING
AN INTERIM ARRANGEMENT BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES
CONCERNING LAND MOBILE RADIO TRANSMITTING EQUIPMENT

*The Secretary of State of the United States of America
to the Chargé d'Affaires ad interim of Canada*

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

WASHINGTON, June 25, 1947.

SIR,
I refer to recent informal discussions between representatives of the Government of Canada and the United States concerning the entrance into Canada of United States vehicles equipped with land mobile radio transmitting equipment.

The present laws of the United States prohibit operation of unlicensed radio transmitting equipment, and station licences cannot be issued to aliens. It is the Department's understanding that the laws of Canada contain similar provisions.

Proposals have been made for certain modifications of United States laws, which, if adopted, would permit on a reciprocal basis alien operation of certain foreign licenced mobile equipment while it is within the territory of the United States. However, this problem is still under consideration, and it is believed that an interim arrangement would be desirable, in order to permit a carriage across the border of radio transmitting equipment installed aboard vehicles.

It would, therefore, be appreciated if you could inform this Department whether the Canadian Government would be disposed to consider a reciprocal interim arrangement under which mobile radio transmitting stations licensed by the United States or Canadian Governments could be carried from the territory in which it is licensed into the territory of the other country, without being removed from the vehicles in which such equipment is installed, on condition that this equipment be sealed in such a manner as to prevent its operation while it is in the territory of the latter country.

I am enclosing samples of the seals which United States Customs officials would use in sealing Canadian equipment entering the United States. Conversely, if the arrangement is satisfactory to your Government, it is suggested that similar samples of seals, to be used by Canadian Customs officials for the same purpose, be transmitted to this Government, together with a statement of conditions concerning their use. This exchange of seals would be useful as a basis in arranging notification of the licensees of the equipments that they may expect to have their equipment sealed and that it should be so adapted as to permit sealing.

I suggest that, if an agreement in the sense of the foregoing paragraphs is acceptable to the Government of Canada, this note and your reply thereto in similar terms be regarded as constituting the terms of an understanding on the subject between the two Governments.

Accept, Sir, the renewed assurances of my high consideration.

For the Secretary of State:
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