

EXCHANGE OF NOTES (MARCH 27, 1951) BETWEEN CANADA AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA CONSTITUTING AN AGREEMENT ON CIVIL DEFENCE CO-ORDINATION.

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SIR:

I have the honour to refer to the conference held in Ottawa on February 21, 1951, of Civil Defence authorities of the Governments of the United States of America and Canada.

Pursuant to the unanimous recommendation of that conference, I am instructed by the Canadian Government to propose that an agreement in the following terms be concluded between our Governments:—

“As far as possible, Civil Defence activities in the United States and Canada should be co-ordinated for the protection of persons and property from the result of enemy attack as if there were no border. The following arrangements are made to ensure such co-ordination in matters of Civil Defence.

Except as regards matters of broad government policy, for which the diplomatic channels would be appropriate, the normal channel of communication between the two countries with regard to civil defence matters will be between the Co-ordinator of Civil Defence in Canada (or any successor authority) and the Administrator, Federal Civil Defence Administration in the United States (or any successor authority), referred to hereafter as the “Federal Civil Defence Authority” or “Authorities”. This will not prevent the use of other channels where appropriate, or as may be authorized by the Federal Civil Defence Authorities, but in the event of other channels of communication or agencies of co-operation being used, the Federal Civil Defence Authority in each country will be informed immediately. The Federal Civil Defence Authority in each country will keep the other informed about developments under consideration and action taken regarding:—

- (a) Organization, legislation and regulations (including federal, state and provincial) for Civil Defence.
- (b) Material, equipment, supplies and facilities (research, development, standardization and availability).
- (c) Training (schools, courses, pamphlets, methods, etc.).
- (d) Arrangements with state, provincial and municipal authorities and other agencies.
- (e) Public information and education.

The Federal Civil Defence Authority of each country will:—

- (a) Exchange personnel at a working level.
- (b) Offer training facilities to students designated by the other country.

So that all civil defence supplies, equipment and facilities (including medical, hospital, firefighting, police, rescue, evacuation, welfare,