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Ottawa, December 5, 1980

No. GNT-766

Excellency,

I have the honour to refer to your Note No. 322 of October 28, 1980 concerning the desirability of coordinating our icebreaking operations in the Great Lakes—St. Lawrence Seaway System.

I am pleased to inform you that the Government of Canada accepts the proposals set forth in your Note and the Annex thereto. The Government of Canada further agrees that your Note and the Annex thereto, together with this reply, which is authentic in English and French, shall constitute an Agreement between Canada and the United States which shall enter into force on the date of this Note and remain in force for a period of ten years and may be renewed for additional periods of five years. Either party may terminate the Agreement upon sixty days' notice in writing.

Accept, Excellency, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

MARK MACGUIGAN  
*Secretary of State for  
External Affairs*

His Excellency Kenneth M. Curtis  
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Ottawa