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No alteration shall take place in the official reception hitherto customary in connection with official naval visits. In connection with unofficial visits the customary courtesy visits shall be exchanged, but there shall be no official reception. If the Canadian Government approves the procedure above suggested, it may be considered that an agreement has been concluded upon receipt by me from you, Sir, of a corresponding communication.

Accept, Sir, the assurance of my highest consideration.

L. KEMPF

German Consul-General for Canada

*The Secretary of State for External Affairs of Canada to the German Consul
General for Canada*

DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, CANADA

OTTAWA, March 1st, 1937.

SIR,

I have the honour to acknowledge your note of to-day submitting a proposal of the German Government to simplify the ceremonial relating to visits of Canadian naval vessels to German ports and of German naval vessels to Canadian ports.

The proposal is understood to be to the following effect:

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The Canadian Government accepts the proposal and will treat the present exchange of notes as having concluded an agreement accordingly.

I have the honour to be, etc.,

O. D. SKELTON

for the Secretary of State for External Affairs

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