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The Ministry of Foreign Affairs presents its compliments to the Canadian High Commission and has the honour to refer to the High Commission's Note No. 052 of 20th June, 1983 signifying the intention of the Canadian Government to proceed anew with an exchange of Notes so as to enable the Agreement between the Government of Jamaica and the Government of Canada regarding the Slowpoke II Nuclear Reactor to come into effect. It is also understood that this further exchange of Notes supersedes the exchange which took place on the 3rd and 8th February, 1983.

The Ministry further takes note of the text of the present Exchange of Letters in English and French, which forms part of the High Commission's Note No. 052 of the 20th June, 1983, and which has been addressed to the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Jamaica. Accordingly, the reply addressed to the Acting High Commissioner of Canada in Jamaica is as follows:

"Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your Note No. 052 of the 20th June, 1983 which, in its English version, read as follows"-

"Excellency,

I have the honour to recall that both Canada and Jamaica are non-nuclear weapon states party to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons and that both countries have concluded Agreements with the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) for the Application of Safeguards on connection with the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons. In the case of Jamaica this is the Agreement between Jamaica and the Agency for the Application of Safeguards in connection with the Treaty for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America and the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons.

I have further the honour to refer to the transaction between Atomic Energy of Canada Ltd. (AECL) and the University of the West Indies for the supply of a safe low power critical experiment reactor of the type known as the Slowpoke II and to propose that this transfer shall be made under the following conditions:

- (a) the Slowpoke II and, in particular, the nuclear material forming its core shall not be used in any way that would result in a nuclear weapon or other nuclear explosive device;
- (b) the nuclear material forming the core of the Slowpoke II shall be subject while in the territory of Jamaica to safeguards to be applied by the IAEA pursuant to the aforementioned Agreement between Jamaica and the IAEA; should the IAEA for any reason not apply such safeguards, our two Governments shall forthwith enter into alternative arrangements satisfactory to the Government of Canada;