

Exchange of Notes of March 30, 1946. Under the recent Order-in-Council mentioned in paragraph 4 above, this period has now been extended to June 30, 1948.

6. The availability of the equipment that the Canadian Armed Forces still wish to purchase has already been determined. Additional time is, however, required to permit completion of negotiations for the purchases contemplated. Consequently, my Government would appreciate it if your Government would agree to the terms of the paragraph quoted in paragraph 2 above continuing in effect until June 30, 1948.

7. If the United States Government is agreeable to this proposal, it is the suggestion of my Government that my present Note, together with your Note replying thereto, constitute an agreement effective from the date of your reply and retroactive to April 1, 1947.

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

ESCOTT REID  
for Secretary of State  
for External Affairs

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*The United States Ambassador to Canada  
to the Secretary of State for External Affairs*

EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

OTTAWA, March 2, 1948.

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EXCELLENCY,

I have the honor to refer to your Excellency's Note No. 20, dated January 24, 1948, concerning the exchange of notes of March 30, 1946, on the subject of war surpluses and related matters.

The proposal contained in your Note No. 20 for an extension until June 30, 1948 of the provisions of paragraph 10 of your note No. 44, dated March 30, 1946, in order to provide additional time for the completion of purchases contemplated in paragraph 10 is acceptable to my Government, and this note together with your note No. 20, are considered as constituting an agreement effective from this date and retroactive to April 1, 1947.

As soon as I receive further instructions from my Government, I shall reply with regard to your request for the return of \$2,200,000 of the amount remaining in the suspense account.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration,

RAY ATHERTON