

CANADA

**EXCHANGE OF NOTES (AUGUST 8, 1967) BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF
CANADA AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF
AMERICA REVISING THE AGREEMENT OF NOVEMBER 15, 1963 PRO-
VIDING FOR JOINT COOPERATION ON CIVIL EMERGENCY PLANNING.**

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

EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

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SIR:

I have the honor to refer to the recent examination by the Joint United States - Canada Civil Emergency Planning Committee of the present state of cooperation in civil emergency planning between the two countries. The committee concluded that it would be mutually advantageous to improve this cooperation, and recommended that the 1963 United States - Canada Agreement on Civil Emergency Planning⁽¹⁾ be revised in order to provide more detailed guidance to the appropriate government departments and agencies of the two countries to assist them in their consultations and exchanges of information on civil emergency planning (including civil defense) and the development where appropriate of cooperative arrangements and joint procedures for mutual assistance in the case of armed attack on either country in North America.

I am instructed by my Government therefore to propose an agreement which would implement the above conclusion of the Joint United States - Canada Civil Emergency Planning Committee and replace the existing United States - Canada Agreement on Civil Emergency Planning of November 15, 1963. Under this agreement the Governments of the United States and Canada will arrange for their appropriate departments and agencies, under the supervision of the United States - Canada Civil Emergency Planning Committee and in accordance with the Statement of Principles annexed hereto, to continue their consultations and cooperation on civil emergency planning (including civil defense) in order to achieve the maximum degree of compatibility feasible between emergency plans and systems of the two countries, and also to recommend to the United States - Canada Civil Emergency Planning Committee, where necessary and relevant, cooperative arrangements for mutual assistance in the event of armed attack on either country in North America. In implementing this agreement and its Statement of Principles both governments agree to cooperate to the maximum extent practicable and consistent with their respective jurisdictions.

Subjects relating to the determination of intergovernmental policy with regard to civil emergency planning will continue to be discussed by the two governments through normal diplomatic channels.

I also have the honor to propose that the United States - Canada Civil Emergency Planning Committee consist of the Director General of the Canada

⁽¹⁾ Canada Treaty Series 1963 No. 8.