

next week. In the circumstances my Ministers ask that no action be taken by you on my telegram 19th February, 26A, until an opportunity has been had of discussing matter with Mr. Cory in Ottawa.

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*Le chargé d'affaires aux États-Unis au secrétaire d'État des États-Unis*  
*Chargé d'Affaires in United States to Secretary of State of United States*

No. 155

Washington, February 22, 1924

Sir,

I have the honour to refer to a conversation which took place on the 16th instant between Mr. Castle, of the Department of State, and Mr. Thompson, Second Secretary of His Majesty's Embassy, during which the former stated, in connection with the conference held at Ottawa at the end of November last between representatives of the United States and Canadian Governments regarding the prevention of liquor smuggling across the Canadian border, that the wording of proposal No. 8 submitted by the United States Delegation on the subject of the proposed treaty authorizing the Canadian authorities to transport liquor across Alaska under seal was unacceptable to the United States Government, and suggested that it should be amended to read as follows:

A treaty providing that no penalties or forfeitures should apply to liquor carried across Alaska under seal and guarded such liquor to have the same status as that now provided by law for liquor carried through the Panama Canal.

I now have the honour to inform you that the Government of Canada agree to accept the wording as suggested by Mr. Castle as a satisfactory assurance on the part of the United States Government that the transport of such liquor will be permitted without obstruction or interference by officers of or under the laws of the United States.

I have etc.

H. G. CHILTON

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*Le secrétaire d'État des États-Unis à l'ambassadeur aux États-Unis*  
*Secretary of State of United States to Ambassador in United States*

Washington, April 2, 1924

Excellency,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your note No. 285, dated March 29, 1924, in which you state that the Canadian Government is proposing to lay before Parliament "the Agreement signed at Ottawa between the Canadian and United States customs authorities" which is embodied in the minutes of the Council which Mr. Chilton transmitted to me in his note No. 139 of February 12, 1924. You inquire whether the proposed action is acceptable to this Government.