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Mr. Secretary,

I have the honour to refer to the Agreement concerning the organization and the operation of the North American Aerospace Defence Command (NORAD), originally signed by the Government of Canada and the Government of the United States of America on 12 May 1958, and most recently renewed by an Exchange of Notes of 19 March 1986, effective 12 May 1986, which extended the Agreement to 12 May 1991.

I have the honour to refer to recent discussions which have taken place between representatives of our two governments regarding cooperation between Canada and the United States of America with respect to the Agreement concerning the organization and the operation of the North American Aerospace Defence Command (NORAD) Agreement.

With respect to our common interest in maintaining effective surveillance and control of North American airspace, our two governments understand that such control includes the surveillance and monitoring of aircraft suspected of smuggling illegal drugs into North America.

Insofar as the Agreement, last renewed on 19 March 1986, is due to expire on 12 May 1991, I have the honour to propose that this Agreement be extended for an additional five-year period, effective 12 May 1991.

The Honourable James A. Baker III
Secretary of State
Washington, D.C.