

The traffic would take place over the Northern route (Ireland — Newfoundland or Labrador — Canada). In case of adverse climatic conditions during a few months of the year it might be necessary to rely upon a route Scotland — Newfoundland or a more southern route (Ireland — the Azores — Newfoundland), but in such case it is not contemplated to take up traffic or mail by the Swedish line from Great Britain and there would be no competition with a Canadian line or the Southern Atlantic route.

An arrangement confirming the two freedoms agreement<sup>107</sup> in the relation between Canada and Sweden would be acceptable to the Swedish Government.

Accept etc.

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*Mémorandum du premier secrétaire, le ministère des Affaires extérieures*  
*Memorandum by First Secretary, Department of External Affairs*

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CANADA-SWEDEN AGREEMENT

At the conclusion of the Canada-United States aviation discussions in New York<sup>108</sup> Mr. Baldwin<sup>109</sup> told me that Mr. Howe did not think it necessary to negotiate an agreement with Sweden for rights of commercial entry. He thought that we should not go beyond the first two freedoms.

I told the Swedish Minister that we did not want to go beyond the first two freedoms (he had already said in a previous conversation that he thought his government did not care much one way or the other whether rights of commercial entry were granted) and pointed out that we could either let the matter be taken care of by the two freedoms agreement or enter into a Canada-Sweden agreement specifically granting the two freedoms. Mr. Wijkman suggested that a separate agreement would be preferable, and I said that we would be glad to have the Swedish Government submit a draft of the sort of agreement they had in mind. After making a somewhat half-hearted effort to get us to do the drafting, he agreed to prepare something. He is now awaiting instructions from Stockholm and we may expect to hear from him in the near future.

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<sup>107</sup>Voir Canada, *Recueil des traités*, 1944, N° 36.

See Canada, *Treaty Series*, 1944, No. 36.

<sup>108</sup>Voir les documents 297-98./See Documents 297-98.

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