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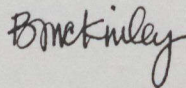
Excellency:

I have the honour to refer to your Excellency's note number 175, dated December 4, 1990, concerning the desirability of extending for an additional five year period the agreement providing for coordination of the icebreaking activities of Canada and the United States on the Great Lakes - St. Lawrence Seaway System.

I am pleased to inform your Excellency that the Government of the United States accepts the proposals set forth in Your Excellency's note. The Government of the United States, further agrees that Your Excellency's note together with this reply shall constitute an Agreement between our two Governments which shall enter in to force on December 5, 1990, and shall remain in force for a period of five years. In accordance with the 1980 exchange of notes, either Party may terminate the Agreement upon 60 days notice in writing.

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

For the Secretary of State:
B. McKinley



His Excellency

Derek H. Burney,

Ambassador of Canada.