

and decide upon the extent of modernization that will satisfy future requirements for the joint defence of North America, taking into account the evolving strategic situation, including developments in the Strategic Arms Limitation Talks. Representatives of our two Governments consequently believe that the interests of both Canada and the United States would be best served in these circumstances by extending the NORAD Agreement on its present terms and conditions, for an additional period of time.

My Government, therefore, proposes that the Agreement on the North American Air Defence Command effected by the exchange of notes, signed at Washington, D.C. on May 12, 1958, and as renewed by the exchange of notes signed at Washington, D.C. on March 30, 1968, be extended without alteration in its present terms and conditions for a further period of two years, from May 12, 1973.

If the Government of the United States concurs in the considerations set out above, I have the honour to propose that this note, which is equally authentic in English and French, and your reply to that effect, shall constitute an agreement between our two Governments, effective from the date of your reply.

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

M. Cadieux