

I can assure you, that we fully appreciate the need to effectively manage irritants which may emerge in our relationship. We will continue to stand by the assurances given the Administration almost two years ago. The regular bilateral consultations continue to facilitate a better understanding of developments in steel trade between our two countries. In this regard, I understand that the fifth meeting in the series is scheduled for September. Moreover, I understand that around the same time representatives of the Congressional steel caucus may also visit Canada to meet with their Parliamentary counterparts. I am convinced that these regular exchanges between our two countries with respect to steel trade will contribute to the effective management of the issue.

Yours sincerely,"