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*The Secretary of State of the United States of America to the
Canadian Minister at Washington*

DEPARTMENT OF STATE,
WASHINGTON,

August 7, 1941.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Note No. 462 of July 22, 1941, informing this Government that the Government of Canada is considering relaxing the Load Line Rules for ships making voyages on lakes or rivers by allowing lesser freeboards in certain ships.

This matter has been referred to the appropriate American authority with a recommendation that it endeavour to cooperate with the desires expressed in your note. A further communication will be addressed to you as soon as a reply is received.

Accept, etc.,

For the Secretary of State:

G. HOWLAND SHAW.

III

*The Secretary of State of the United States of America to the
Canadian Minister at Washington*

DEPARTMENT OF STATE,
WASHINGTON,

September 5, 1941.

Sir,

I have the honour to refer again to your note no. 462 of July 22, 1941, informing this Government that the Government of Canada is considering relaxing the Load Line Rules for ships making voyages on lakes or rivers by allowing lesser freeboards in certain ships.

I have now been informed by the Department of Commerce that the Department agrees that during the emergency proclaimed by the President of the United States on May 27, 1941, if Canadian vessels entering United States ports are marked with load lines under regulations essentially the same as those contained in Part 47 of the Load Line Regulations of the Department of Commerce, such marks will be authorized as equivalent to the marks placed on American vessels provided the Canadian Government likewise will recognize in Canadian ports the marks placed on United States vessels in accordance with the Department of Commerce regulations referred to. For the use of the Canadian authorities in this connection there are enclosed four copies of Part 47 of the Load Line Regulations of the United States.

Accept, etc.,

For the Secretary of State:

BRECKINRIDGE LONG.