

Washington, October 7, 1980

Sir,

I have the honour to refer to your Note of October 7, 1980 which refers to the conclusion of discussions between officials of our two Governments concerning the establishment of a system of operational surcharges in connection with the closing of the navigation season of the St. Lawrence Seaway, under the jurisdiction of the St. Lawrence Seaway Authority in Canada and the St. Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation in the United States, and to the signature by the two Seaway entities of the Memorandum of Agreement attached to your Note.

I have the further honour to inform you that these proposals are acceptable to the Government of Canada and to confirm that your Note, together with the attached Memorandum of Agreement, and this reply, which is authentic in English and French, shall constitute an Agreement between our two Governments which shall enter into force on the date of this Note.

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

PETER M. TOWE
Ambassador of Canada

The Secretary of State,
Washington, D. C.