



EMBASSY OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

OTTAWA

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Dear Ambassador Cadieux:

Ambassador Lloyd Cutler has asked me to transmit the following message to you.

"My Dear Marcel:

"I deeply regret that the Government of Canada has found it necessary not to give provisional effect to the 1978 Reciprocal Interim Fisheries Agreement any longer. Throughout the negotiation of the 1978 Interim Agreement and throughout our consultations regarding its implementation I have continued to hope that our differences might be resolved in a manner which would permit reciprocal fishing to continue pending completion of the negotiation of a long-term agreement. Those differences unfortunately still remain unresolved.

"As is evident, interim agreements based on generalized references to the status quo are clearly insufficient to meet the maritime concerns of importance to us both. I fully agree that we must now urgently and forcefully pursue the negotiation of a comprehensive agreement on maritime boundary and resource issues. I share your view that the problems we have encountered in the effort to establish a regime for continued reciprocal fishing in 1978 themselves demonstrate the pressing need for an agreement that encompasses the full range of maritime issues in an inter-related framework and that includes mechanisms for the settlement of differences.

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