AMENDMENT TO MEMORANDUM OF ARRANGEMENTS GREAT LAKES PILOTAGE

BETWEEN

THE SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION OF THE UNITED STATES

OF AMERICA AND THE

MINISTER OF TRANSPORT OF CANADA

On October 6, 1967, the Minister of Transport of Canada and the Secretary of Transportation of the United States recommended an amendment of the Memorandum of Arrangements between the United States and Canada governing pilotage services on the Great Lakes. That amendment was incorporated in the terms of the Memorandum by an exchange of notes between the two governments on October 6, 1967.

In that amendment, the two governments agreed to initiate an overall review of the pilotage system and its rate structure. While much of this review has been accomplished, a number of areas remain in which further study and coordination with the interested parties is required. These areas include the subjects of "home porting", "open water" pilotage, modification of the "tour de rôle" assignment of pilots, and the modification of the rate structure to reflect more accurately the relative difficulty of different pilotage assignments. Accordingly, the review is continuing and changes to the system and its rate structure in these areas will be made as soon as they have been determined to be desirable and practicable.

The Minister and the Secretary have concluded, however, that sufficient information has been obtained to recommend that certain changes to the Memorandum of Arrangements be made at this time. The pilotage revenue statistics for the year 1967 clearly establish a need for an adjustment in the rate schedules for 1968. In addition, the review has disclosed that (1) the dispatching function of the United States station at Cape Vincent can more effectively and efficiently be carried out by the Canadian station at Cornwall and (2) mandatory pilot change points and rest periods should be established. The Minister and the Secretary have also concluded that United States and Canadian registered pilots should participate in equal numbers in providing pilotage services on the Great Lakes.

In view of the foregoing, the Secretary of Transportation and the Minister of Transport recommend to their respective governments that the Memorandum of Arrangements of June 29, 1966, as amended, be further amended as follows:

Section 3(c) is revoked and sections 3(b), 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 12 are amended to read as follows:

"3. (b) United States and Canadian registered pilots shall participate equally in the pilotage services required on the Great Lakes so that there shall be an equal number of Canadian and United States registered pilots.

Dispatching

4. The Secretary and the Minister will establish or cause to be established under their control in the United States and Canada, respectively,