

DEPARTMENT OF STATE
WASHINGTON

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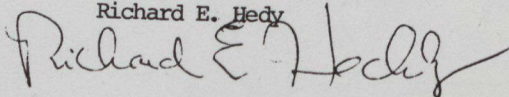
I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your excellency's note No. 199 of December 5, 1995, concerning the desirability of continued coordination of the icebreaking activities of Canada and the United States on the Great Lakes - St. Lawrence Seaway System.

I have the honor to inform you that the Government of the United States of America accepts the proposal set forth in your note to extend the agreement of October 28 and December 5, 1980, providing for coordination of the icebreaking activities in the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Seaway System for an additional five-year period. The Government of the United States of America further agrees that your note, together with this reply, shall constitute an agreement between Canada and the United States which shall enter into force on December 5, 1995, and shall remain in force for a period of five years.

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

For the Secretary of State

Richard E. Hedy



His Excellency

Raymond Chretien,

Ambassador of Canada.