


CANADA



**EXCHANGE OF NOTES (November 15, 1963) REVISING THE AGREEMENT OF
MARCH 27, 1951 BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA AND THE
GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA IN ORDER TO
PROVIDE FOR COOPERATION IN JOINT CIVIL EMERGENCY PLANNING.**

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*The Ambassador of the United States of America to Canada to the Secretary
of State for External Affairs.*

EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Ottawa, November 15, 1963.

EXCELLENCY:

I have the honor to refer to recent discussions between authorities of our two countries concerned with civil emergency planning and civil defense matters. These authorities have concluded that planning in our respective countries in these fields has reached a stage at which it would be mutually advantageous to revise the liaison arrangements between the two countries and to establish direct channels for detailed and technical consultation on civil defense, the use of resources in emergencies, and other aspects of civil emergency planning.

I am instructed by my Government, therefore, to propose a new agreement on Joint Civil Emergency Planning in our two countries, which would replace the United States-Canada Agreement on Civil Defense Cooperation of March 27, 1951⁽¹⁾.

As far as possible, civil emergency planning activities in the United States and Canada should be coordinated for the protection of persons and property from the results of enemy attack as if there were no border. It is, therefore, proposed that there be a Joint United States-Canada Civil Emergency Planning Committee with responsibility for making recommendations to the two Governments, their departments and agencies, concerning plans and arrangements for cooperation and mutual assistance between the civil authorities of the two countries in the event of an attack on either country. This Committee will include the Secretary to the Cabinet of Canada, the Director of the Emergency Measures Organization of Canada, the Director of the Office of Emergency Planning of the United States, the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Civil Defense) of the United States and such other representatives as may be designated from time to time. Joint Secretaries for the Committee will be provided by the Department of External Affairs of Canada and the Department of State of the United States. The Committee will meet at least once in each calendar year at such times and places as may be agreed upon.

It is further proposed that the Committee may arrange for direct communication between such national authorities of Canada and of the United States as the Committee considers to be concerned with aspects of civil emergency planning in either country likely to be directly affected by comparable planning in the other. The Committee may also facilitate the exchange of information on aspects of civil emergency planning of a purely

⁽¹⁾ Canada Treaty Series 1951 No. 3.