

CANADA

**EXCHANGE OF NOTES BETWEEN CANADA AND THE UNITED STATES OF  
AMERICA CONCERNING PROPOSED NAVIGATION IMPROVEMENTS TO  
BE UNDERTAKEN IN THE DETROIT RIVER SECTION OF THE GREAT LAKES  
CONNECTING CHANNELS**

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

**THE FOREIGN SERVICE OF THE  
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The Ambassador of the United States of America presents his compliments to the Secretary of State for External Affairs and has the honor to refer to certain proposed navigation improvements that are to be undertaken in the Detroit River Section of the Great Lakes connecting channel.

The improvement of the Great Lakes Connecting Channels to provide increased channel dimensions in the interest of the growing needs of commerce on this important waterway was authorized by Public Law 434, 84th Congress, approved March 21, 1956. The portion of the project in the Detroit River provides for dredging existing channels, disposal of dredged material and construction of compensating dykes.

The features of the project in the Detroit River are briefly described in the enclosed summary sheet and are shown on the attached map. The portion of the project located in Canadian waters is specifically indicated on the map.

Funds for initiating construction of the project were provided for in the Civil Functions Appropriations Act, Public Law 641, 84th Congress, dated July 2, 1956. The construction program for the current fiscal year includes deepening of the Amherstburg Channel, which is located in Canadian waters. In order that work may be undertaken during the current working season on this section of the project, it is planned to advertise for bids during the latter part of July 1956.

The United States Government would appreciate the consideration of the Canadian Government with a view to granting its approval for the proposed navigation improvements to be undertaken in the Canadian waters of the Detroit River Section of the Great Lakes connecting channel. In view of the desire to initiate construction plans at an early date, an early reply from the Canadian Government would be most appreciated.

The urgent nature of the project leads the United States Government to suggest that any detailed information concerning the conduct of operation in this portion of the water be subject to informal discussions between the District Engineer, Department of Public Works, London, Ontario, Canada, and Colonel Peter C. Hyzer, District Engineer, United States Corps of Engineers, Detroit, Michigan.

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Embassy of the United States of America,

Ottawa, July 23, 1956.