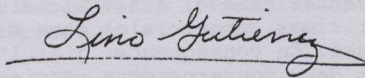


I have the further honor to accept, on behalf of the Government of the United States of America, this proposal of the Government of Canada.

Accordingly, the Embassy of Canada's note No. 0096 along with this note shall constitute an agreement between our Governments on this matter, which shall enter into force on December 5, 2000 and shall continue in force for a period of five years.

Accept Excellency, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

For the Secretary of State:

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Lino Gutierrez", is written over a horizontal line. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.