

EXCHANGE OF NOTES (FEBRUARY 29, 1944) BETWEEN CANADA AND MEXICO RECORDING AN AGREEMENT IN RESPECT OF THE CONSCRIPTION FOR MILITARY SERVICE IN MEXICO AND IN CANADA.

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*The British Ambassador to Mexico
to the Mexican Minister of Foreign Affairs*

BRITISH EMBASSY

Mexico City, 29th February, 1944.

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Your Excellency,

I have the honour to inform Your Excellency that I have been instructed by His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs to propose, on behalf of the Government of Canada, that the Government of Canada on the one hand, and the Government of Mexico on the other, should conclude an agreement, in the following terms, in respect of the conscription for military service of Canadian nationals in Mexico and Mexican nationals in Canada:

1. Neither Government shall send a notice of conscription to a national of the other country, residing in its territory, without transmitting, to the appropriate authority of the other Government, two months' notice of intention to call the said national for military service. In the case of Canada, the appropriate authority shall be His Majesty's Representative in Mexico; and, in the case of Mexico, the appropriate authority shall be the Mexican Consul-General at Montreal.
2. The authority receiving such notice shall inform the national of the country concerned of the intention to call him for military service. He shall also inform the said national that he will be granted the privilege of applying for a permit to leave the country at any time prior to the transmission of the notice of conscription.
3. The two Governments undertake to grant the exit permit before the notice of conscription is mailed.
4. In no case shall the application for an exit permit constitute an obstacle to the subsequent return of the person in question after the conclusion of the present war.
5. In any case where a person fails to avail himself of the opportunity to obtain an exit permit, he shall be liable for compulsory military service in accordance with the provisions of the law of Canada or of the law of Mexico, as the case may be.
6. After the termination of the above-mentioned period of two months, there shall be no obligation on the part of either Government to grant an exit permit.
7. The Government of Canada undertake to furnish the Government of Mexico with full information concerning any person to whom an exit permit has been granted in accordance with this agreement; and the Government of Mexico, for their part, undertake to furnish similar information to the Government of Canada.