The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Hon. Mitchell Shamp, announced today that the Canadian Ambassador in Washington, D.C., Mr. Mercel Cadieux, Q.C., and the Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Canadian Affairs, Mr. Rufus Z. Smith signed an exchange of notes extending the NORAD Agreement for a period of two years, from May 12, 1973. The decision to extend the NORAD Agreement was announced by the Minister of National Defence in the House of Commons on April 17.

The text of the exchange of notes is attached.