

Please accept, Excellency, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

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

DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

OTTAWA, April 12, 1949.

EXCELLENCY,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of Your Excellency's note of April 12, 1949, in which you inform me that the Government of the United States of America wishes to propose that our two Governments agree:

- (a) that a Joint Industrial Mobilization Committee be now constituted consisting, on the United States side, of the Chairman of the National Security Resources Board and the Chairman of the Munitions Board and, on the Canadian side, of the Chairman of the Industrial Defence Board and a senior official of the Department of Trade and Commerce;
- (b) that the Joint Committee:
 - (i) exchange information with a view to the coordination of the plans of the United States and Canada for industrial mobilization;
 - (ii) consider what recommendations in the field of industrial mobilization planning in areas of common concern should be made to each Government;
 - (iii) be empowered to organize joint sub-committees from time to time to facilitate the discharge of its functions;
 - (iv) be responsible for cooperation with the Permanent Joint Board on Defence on matters of industrial mobilization.

I have the honour to inform Your Excellency that the Government of Canada concurs in the foregoing proposals and agrees that Your Excellency's note and this shall constitute an agreement between our two Governments which shall enter into force on this day and shall remain in force indefinitely, subject to termination by either Government at any time on giving six months' notice.

Accept, Excellency, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

L. B. PEARSON,

Secretary of State for External Affairs.