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*The Secretary of State for External Affairs
to the Minister of Norway to Canada*

DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

OTTAWA, March 18, 1950.

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EXCELLENCY,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your Note dated March 7, 1950, relating to the claim of the Government of Canada for reimbursement in respect of Canada's share of the value of supplies distributed to the civilian population of Norway by the combined military authorities under the Supreme Allied Command.

I am pleased to inform you that the Government of Canada accepts the first alternative proposal set out in your Note, which involves the cash payment, before March 31, 1950, by the Government of Norway to the Government of Canada of the sum of \$850,000.00 in United States funds.

The settlement described above shall cover the entire claim of Canada for reimbursement in respect of Canada's share of the supplies referred to above. In agreeing to this settlement, the Government of Canada has reduced its original claim after taking into consideration Norway's effort and war losses and the long term effects of the war upon the Norwegian economy.

The Canadian Minister in Norway has been requested to make the necessary arrangements with respect to the payment of Canada's claim. It is my understanding that your Note dated March 7, 1950, and this reply shall be regarded as constituting an Agreement between the Government of Norway and the Government of Canada on this matter.

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

L. B. PEARSON.
Secretary of State for External Affairs.