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

DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

OTTAWA, July 24th, 1945.

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EXCELLENCY,

I have the honour to refer to your note No. 1306/45 dated July 19, 1945 concerning the revival of the Canadian-Czechoslovak Trade Agreement concluded in Ottawa between our two Governments on March 15th, 1928. The Government of Canada agrees to terminate the suspension period of this Agreement and to place it again on the record of existing and valid treaties.

2. As, however, under present dislocated shipping and inland transportation conditions the strict application of the Agreement would largely prevent Czechoslovakia from obtaining the benefit contemplated, the Canadian Government agrees to the temporary suspension of Article 5.

3. Article 5 reads:

"To enjoy the benefit of the tariff advantages provided for in the foregoing articles, without prejudice to the stipulations of Article 4, goods the produce or manufacture of Czechoslovakia shall be conveyed without transhipment from a port of Czechoslovakia, such being understood to be a port of a foreign country in which Czechoslovakia has defined rights under treaties to which Canada is a party, or from a port of a country enjoying the benefit of the Preferential or Intermediate Tariff, into a sea or river port of Canada."

4. The Canadian Government appreciates that because of present difficulties your Government may wish to have other temporary modifications considered.

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

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For the Secretary of State for External Affairs.

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