

- 3) To report to the respective Governments on such discussions in order that consideration may be given to measures deemed appropriate and necessary to improve defence co-operation;
- C. That the Committee shall meet once a year or more often as may be considered necessary by the two Governments;
- D. That the Committee shall meet alternately in Washington, D.C., and Ottawa, the chairman to be a Canadian member when the meetings are held in Canada, and a United States member when meetings are held in the United States.

My Government believes that this further development in the essential collaboration of our two Governments in continental defence will assist in the maintenance and development of the individual and collective capacity of the two countries to fulfil their obligations under the Charter of the United Nations and the North Atlantic Treaty for the maintenance of international peace and security.

If the Government of the United States concurs in the foregoing proposals, I propose that this Note and your reply should constitute an agreement between our two Governments effective from the date of your reply to remain in force until such time as either Government shall have given notice in writing of its desire to terminate the agreement.

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

SIDNEY SMITH
Secretary of State
for External Affairs.

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EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Note No. 54

Ottawa, September 2, 1958

Sir:

I have the honor to refer to your Note No. 159 of August 29, 1958 concerning the establishment of a Canada-United States Ministerial Committee which would consider periodically important matters affecting the joint defense of our two countries.

My Government concurs in the proposals contained in your note and agrees that this exchange of notes will constitute an agreement between our two Governments effective this date and to remain in force until such time as either Government shall have given notice in writing of its desire to terminate the agreement.

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

LIVINGSTONE T. MERCHANT

The Honorable
SIDNEY E. SMITH,
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