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*The Secretary of State of the United States of America  
to the Canadian Ambassador to the United States of America*

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

WASHINGTON, December 20, 1944.

EXCELLENCY:

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your note No. 399, November 22, 1944, referring to recent discussions on the disposition of defence projects, installations and facilities built or provided in Canada by the Government of the United States and informing me of the approval by the Canadian Government of the 33rd Recommendation of the Permanent Joint Board on Defence, United States and Canada, on this subject. The 33rd Recommendation amends and supersedes the 28th Recommendation of the Board which was embodied in the exchange of notes of January 27, 1943.

The United States Government has been pleased to observe that, pursuant to the 28th Recommendation specific agreements have already been reached covering the disposition of the major defence projects constructed by the United States in Canada. It is considered that the current Recommendation of the Board is suitable for application to all projects, disposition of which remains unsettled and I am glad, therefore, to inform you that the Government of the United States approved the 33rd Recommendation on November 11, 1944.

It is noted that the Canadian Government's approval is subject to the following proviso:

"That, as there are certain facilities whose disposal would entail expenses such as custody and demolition, any expense of such a character would be taken into consideration in the final accounting."

In accepting the Canadian Government's proviso to the 33rd Recommendation, I believe it useful to mention that it is understood by this Government from an explanatory memorandum kindly furnished by the Canadian authorities that expenses of custody and demolition will be taken into account by the appraisers and will through their findings be reflected in the final accounting.

In conclusion I may state that the United States Government accepts the proposal that your note under reference and this reply shall be regarded as placing on record the understanding arrived at between the two Governments on this matter.

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

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