EXCHANGE OF NOTES BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AMENDING THE AGREEMENT OF MARCH 9, 1959, CONCERNING THE TARIFF OF TOLLS ON THE ST. LAWRENCE SEAWAY (WITH MEMORANDUM OF AMENDMENT)

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The Secretary of State of the United States of America to the Ambassador of Canada

Washington July 27, 1972

EXCELLENCY:

I have the honor to refer to the Agreement between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of Canada dated March 9, 1959⁽¹⁾, which incorporated the Memorandum of Agreement and Tariff of Tolls respecting the St. Lawrence Seaway as amended by the Agreements of June 30, 1964⁽²⁾, and March 31, 1967⁽³⁾.

Representatives of the St. Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation and the St. Laurence Seaway Authority have agreed to a further amendment to the Memorandum of Agreement and Tariff of Tolls, which would have the effect of excluding from the definition of "cargo", as set forth in Section 2(c) thereof, empty containers and the tare weight of loaded containers with a capacity of 640 cubic feet or more. Such agreement is set forth in the Memorandum of Amendment dated May 19, 1972, signed by the Administrator of the St. Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation and the President of the St. Lawrence Seaway Authority, which is enclosed with this note.

I have the honor to propose that if the Government of Canada concurs, this note and the Memorandum of Amendment enclosed herewith, together with your reply shall constitute an Agreement between the two Governments, amending the Agreement of March 9, 1959, as amended, with effect from the date of your reply.

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

GEORGE S. SPRINGSTEEN For the Secretary of State

His Excellency Marcel Cadieux, Ambassador of Canada.

Enclosure:

Memorandum of Amendment Dated May 19, 1972

⁽¹⁾Treaty Series 1959 No. 5 ⁽²⁾Treaty Series 1964 No. 13 ⁽³⁾Treaty Series 1967 No. 2