

**EXCHANGE OF NOTES BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA AND  
AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
CONSTITUTING AN AGREEMENT ON VESSEL TRAFFIC MANAGE-  
MENT FOR THE JUAN DE FUCA REGION**

OTTAWA, December 19, 1979.

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Excellency,

I have the honour to refer to discussions between representatives of our two Governments for the purpose of reaching agreement on cooperative arrangements for vessel traffic management in waters near the common boundary of Canada and the United States in the region of Juan de Fuca Strait. Such arrangements are desirable for marine safety in light of increasing oil tanker and other vessel traffic in the west coast waters of Canada and the United States. The world-wide trend towards large tankers, and the possibility of their presence in coastal areas where they might add to the existing traffic, greatly strengthen the need for such cooperation.

The two Governments have already taken a number of parallel measures for safety of navigation in the Juan de Fuca area, including improved communications, surveillance radar installations and a voluntary routing system. I have the honour to propose that these cooperative arrangements be further strengthened. The attached Annex sets out the arrangements for implementation of a cooperative vessel traffic management system for the region of Juan de Fuca Strait, consistent with our shared goals of safety of navigation and preservation of the marine environment.

I have the honour to propose that if these arrangements are acceptable to the United States Government, this Note, together with the attached Annex, which are authentic in English and French, and your confirming reply, shall constitute an Agreement between our two Governments for vessel traffic management in waters near the common boundary of Canada and the United States in the region of Juan de Fuca Strait. I have the honour further to propose that this Agreement enter into force on the date of your reply. This Agreement may be terminated by either Government upon six months' notice to the other or upon such longer period as may be specified in the notice of termination.

**FLORA MACDONALD**

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