

May 12, 1980

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United States Note on NORAD Renewal

Excellency:

I have the honour to refer to your Note of May 12, 1980, and to the discussions which have taken place between representatives of our two governments concerning the renewal of the Agreement on the North American Air Defence Command (NORAD).

The Government of the United States of America shares the view of the Government of Canada on the importance of cooperation between our two nations for the security of the Canada-USA region of NATO, under the arrangements embodied in the NORAD Agreement. The USA looks forward to the successful completion of negotiations and the subsequent renewal of the NORAD Agreement at an early date, to allow for timely planning for future cooperative efforts. In this regard, it would be the hope of the USA that the current negotiations could be concluded before the full year extension proposed in your Note will have elapsed.

I am pleased to inform you that my government concurs in the considerations set out in your Note, and further agrees with your proposal that your Note and this reply shall constitute an Agreement between our two governments effective as of May 12, 1980.

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

For the Secretary of State,

Sharon E. Ahmad