EXCHANGE OF NOTES BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA CONSTITUTING AN AGREEMENT TO PROVIDE FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN EXPERIMENTAL LORAN-C POWER CHAIN IN THE VICINITY OF THE ST. MARYS RIVER IN ONTARIO AND MICHIGAN

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

Washington, March 29, 1977

Excellency,

I have the honor to refer to discussions between officials of our two Governments concerning the desirability of cooperatively establishing an experimental Loran-C power chain in the vicinity of the St. Marys River, Ontario and Michigan, to demonstrate the feasibility of such a chain for the enhancement of navigation safety in the St. Marys River. These discussions have led to agreement that the demonstration would be in the mutual interest of both countries, and, in consequence, activities commenced in 1975 in accordance with arrangements between the designated cooperating agencies of the two Governments.

I now have the further honor of proposing that this cooperative effort be governed, effective August 1, 1975, by the terms and conditions set forth in the Annex to this Note, and that this Note and its Annex, together with the reply indicating the concurrence of your Government, shall constitute an agreement between our two Governments which will enter into force on the date of your reply.

This Agreement shall remain in force until October 1, 1978, but may be renewed for a further period of up to one year if the designated cooperating agencies determine that such an additional experimental period is warranted.

Our Governments will consult prior to the termination of the demonstration in order to evaluate the experiment and consider construction of a permanent Loran-C installation.

It is understood that the undertakings of the designated cooperating agencies of the two Governments herein provided for are subject to the availability of appropriated funds for such purposes.

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

For the Acting Secretary of State: RICHARD D. VINE

Enclosure: Annex

His Excellency Jack H. Warren, Ambassador of Canada, Washington.