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EXCHANGE OF NOTES BETWEEN CANADA AND NORWAY CONCERNING THE
TRANSFER TO NORWAY OF THE THREE PRESTONIAN CLASS FRIGATES
ON LOAN TO THAT COUNTRY

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*The Ambassador of Canada to Norway to the Minister for Foreign
Affairs of Norway*

CANADIAN EMBASSY

OSLO, July 1, 1958.

EXCELLENCY,

I have the honour to refer to an exchange of Notes signed in Ottawa on December 20, 1955,* which constituted an agreement for the loan by the Government of Canada to the Government of Norway of three Prestonian class frigates.

The three warships, *HMCS Prestonian*, *Penatang* and *Toronto* were taken over by the Royal Norwegian Navy early in 1956 and commissioned under the names of *KNM Troll*, *Draug* and *Garm*, respectively.

The Canadian Government has given consideration to the loan status of these three warships to the Government of Norway and is prepared to transfer the ownership of those three frigates to the Government of Norway on the same conditions as are in effect with respect to the use and disposal of defence material and supplies transferred as Mutual Aid by the Government of Canada to the Government of Norway:

- (a) that the Government of Norway accepts the responsibility to use these ships to strengthen the capacity of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization to deter or resist aggression;
- (b) that when any or all of these ships are no longer needed, the Government of Norway shall be responsible for consultation with the appropriate NATO authorities to determine if any of these ships is needed by any other party of the North Atlantic Treaty and, if so, to offer any or all of them to that nation under the same terms and conditions with respect to their use and disposal as they were supplied to the Government of Norway by Canada;
- (c) that unless it is otherwise agreed, if any or all of these ships are not needed by any member of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization for use in the defence of the NATO area, the Government of Norway shall be responsible for rendering them unuseable as military equipment prior to their disposal.

Should the transfer of these three warships under the conditions described above be acceptable to the Government of Norway, I propose that the present Note and your reply should constitute an agreement between our two governments.

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

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