

CANADA

**EXCHANGE OF NOTES BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA AND THE  
GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA REGARDING THE  
PRESERVATION OF THE QUALITY OF WATER IN THE INTERNATIONAL  
SECTION OF THE ST. JOHN RIVER**

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*The Secretary of State for External Affairs of Canada to the Ambassador of  
the United States of America*

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EXCELLENCY,

I have the honour to refer to the discussions which have taken place between representatives of our Governments regarding the preservation of the quality of water in the international section of the St. John River and to propose that our Governments establish a Canada-United States Committee on water quality in the St. John River and its tributary rivers and streams which cross the Canada-United States boundary. The composition, purposes and objectives of the Committee, which shall conduct its work in a manner which is consistent with the provisions and objectives of the Boundary Waters Treaty of 1909, are set out in the Annex to this Note.

If the foregoing proposal is acceptable to the Government of the United States of America, I have the honour to propose that this Note, together with its Annex, which are equally authentic in English and French, and Your Excellency's reply to that effect, shall constitute an agreement between our Governments which shall enter into force on the date of your reply.

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

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for External Affairs*

His Excellency  
The Honourable Adolph W. Schmidt,  
Ambassador of the United States of America,  
Ottawa