

DIPLOMATIC NOTE ON NORAD RENEWAL

Washington, D.C.

May 12, 1980.

Sir,

I have the honour to refer to discussions which have taken place between representatives of our two Governments regarding future co-operation between Canada and the United States of America in the defence of North America through our joint participation in the North American Air Defence Command (NORAD). The principles governing the organization and operation of this Command were last set out in the Agreement between our two Governments which remains in effect until May 12, 1980.

The Canadian Government, conscious of the importance of this co-operation to the security of the Canada-United States region of NATO and to the overall security of the NATO area, wishes to provide an opportunity as it has in the past to hear the views of the appropriate committee of the Canadian House of Commons on the subject. My Government, therefore, proposes that the current agreement be extended without alteration in its present terms and conditions until May 12, 1981.

If the Government of the United States concurs in this proposal, I have the honour to propose that this note, which is equally authentic in English and French, and your reply to that effect, shall constitute an agreement between our two Governments with effect from May 12, 1980.

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

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