

*The Secretary of State for External Affairs, Ottawa,
to the United States Minister to Canada.*

DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS,

OTTAWA, October 18, 1940.

No. 208.

SIR,

I have the honour to refer to your note number 137 of September 23 and to state that blanket permission to enter Canadian territorial waters is hereby granted to vessels of the United States Coast Guard when establishing, servicing or inspecting United States aids to navigation in Canadian territorial waters; when proceeding from one lake to another, including passage through the Welland Canal; and when patrolling regattas or yacht races in the interest of safety to life.

It is noted that this permission does not contemplate that vessels of the United States Coast Guard would enter Canadian ports except in cases of emergency.

I have, etc.

O. D. SKELTON,

for the Secretary of State for External Affairs.

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Accept, Sir, etc.

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