

**EXCHANGE OF NOTES (APRIL 12, 1949) BETWEEN CANADA AND  
THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA CONSTITUTING AN AGREEMENT  
REGARDING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A JOINT  
INDUSTRIAL MOBILIZATION COMMITTEE**

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

UNITED STATES EMBASSY

OTTAWA, April 12, 1949.

EXCELLENCY,

I have the honor to inform Your Excellency that the common interests of Canada and the United States in defence, their proximity and the complementary characteristics of their resources clearly indicate the advantages of coordinating their plans for industrial mobilization, in order that the most effective use may be made of the productive facilities of the two countries.

The functions of the Department of Trade and Commerce and the Industrial Defence Board in Canada and those of the National Security Resources Board and the Munitions Board in the United States suggest that, for the present, it would be appropriate to use these agencies to assist the two Governments in coordinating their industrial mobilization plans.

Therefore, my Government wishes to propose that the two Governments agree:

- (a) that a Joint Industrial Mobilization Committee be now constituted consisting, on the United States side, of the Chairman of the National Security Resources Board and the Chairman of the Munitions Board and, on the Canadian side, of the Chairman of the Industrial Defence Board and a senior official of the Department of Trade and Commerce;
- (b) that the Joint Committee:
  - (i) exchange information with a view to the coordination of the plans of the United States and Canada for industrial mobilization;
  - (ii) consider what recommendations in the field of industrial mobilization planning in areas of common concern should be made to each Government;
  - (iii) be empowered to organize joint sub-committees from time to time to facilitate the discharge of its functions;
  - (iv) be responsible for cooperation with the Permanent Joint Board on Defence on matters of industrial mobilization.

If your Government is agreeable to the above proposals, it is understood that this note, together with your note in reply agreeing thereto, shall constitute an agreement between our two Governments which shall enter in force on the date of your reply and shall remain in force indefinitely subject to termination by either Government at any time on giving six months' notice.