DEPARTMENT OF STATE WASHINGTON

August 21, 2002

Sir:

I have the honor to refer to recent discussions between our two Governments regarding the Treaty between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of Canada on Pacific Coast Albacore Tuna Vessels and Port Privileges, with annexes, signed at Washington May 26, 1981, as amended by the Exchange of Notes of October 9, 1997 (the "Treaty"). I also have the honor to refer to the Diplomatic Note of July 17, 2002, and your Note number 84 of August 13, 2002, in reply, which contained an agreement on a proposed amendment to Article 1(b) of the Treaty.

The Honorable

Bertin Côté,

Chargé d'Affaires ad interim of Canada.

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