

**EXCHANGE OF NOTES BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA AND
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTING AN
AGREEMENT PROVIDING FOR COORDINATION OF THE ICEBREAK-
ING ACTIVITIES OF CANADA AND THE UNITED STATES ON THE
GREAT LAKES**

EMBASSY OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Ottawa, October 28, 1980

No. 322

Sir:

I have the honor to refer to discussions between officials of our two Governments concerning the desirability of coordinating our icebreaking operations in the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence Seaway System.

These discussions have indicated that coordination between United States and Canadian Coast Guards will lead to increased efficiency in the utilization of ice operations forces in the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Seaway System thereby increasing our capability to maintain open routes for maritime commerce to the mutual advantage of both the United States of America and Canada. Accordingly, I wish to propose that such coordinated ice operations be formalized along with the terms and conditions in the Annex hereto.

If the foregoing is acceptable to your Government, I have the further honor to propose that this Note and its Annex, together with your reply to that effect, shall constitute an Agreement between the United States of America and Canada, which shall enter into force on the date of your reply.

This Agreement shall remain in force for a period of 10 years and may be renewed for additional periods of 5 years. Either Party may terminate the Agreement upon 60 days' notice in writing.

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

KENNETH M. CURTIS

Enclosure:

Annex

The Honorable
Mark MacGuigan,
Secretary of State for External Affairs,
Ottawa