

EXCHANGE OF NOTES (DECEMBER 26, 1947) BETWEEN CANADA  
AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AMENDING THE PRO-  
VISIONAL FUR SEAL AGREEMENT EFFECTED BY EXCHANGE  
OF NOTES SIGNED AT WASHINGTON, DECEMBER 8 AND 19, 1942.

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*The Secretary of State of the United States of America to the  
Canadian Ambassador*

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

WASHINGTON, December 26, 1947.

EXCELLENCY:

I have the honor to refer to conversations which have taken place between representatives of the Government of the United States of America and representatives of the Government of Canada with regard to the possibility of amending the Provisional Fur Seal Agreement between the United States and Canada effected by exchange of notes signed at Washington, December 8 and 19, 1942, with a view to assuring continuing protection of the fur seal herd.

I am glad to inform you that legislation has recently been enacted by the Congress of the United States of America which provides for the extension for an indefinite period of existing laws for the enforcement of the Provisional Fur Seal Agreement. This Government will, therefore, continue to be in position to give full force and effect to the provisions of that Agreement.

Accordingly, the Government of the United States of America proposes that the final sentence of Article X of the Provisional Fur Seal Agreement which relates to the duration of the Agreement, shall be amended to read as follows:

"The Agreement shall remain in effect until (a) either the Government of the United States of America or the Government of Canada enacts legislation contrary to its provisions; or (b) the date of entry into force of a new agreement for the preservation and protection of fur seals to which the United States of America and Canada, and possibly other interested countries, shall be parties; or (c) twelve months after either Government shall have notified the other Government of an intention of terminating the Agreement."

If the foregoing proposal is acceptable to the Government of Canada, the Government of the United States of America will regard this note and your reply thereto as constituting an agreement between the two Governments amending the Provisional Fur Seal Agreement, with effect from the date of your note in reply.

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

*For the Secretary of State,*  
WILLARD L. THORP