

EXCHANGES OF NOTES (FEBRUARY 12, MARCH 22, 23, AND 27, AND
APRIL 3, 1946) BETWEEN CANADA AND FRANCE CONCERNING
THE RELEASE OF CERTAIN PRIVATE PROPERTY FROM
GOVERNMENT CONTROL.

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EXCHANGE OF NOTES OF FEBRUARY 12 AND MARCH 22, 1946

*The Secretary of State for External Affairs
to the French Ambassador*

DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

OTTAWA, February 12, 1946.

EXCELLENCY,

I have the honour to refer to your Note No. 14, dated January 14, 1946 regarding the arrangements being made for the release of French private assets at present under the control of the Custodian of Enemy Property in Canada.

2. The annexed memorandum has been prepared as an outline of the policy which the Government of Canada proposes to follow in the release of the above-mentioned assets.* It also sets out the understanding of the Government of Canada regarding the attitude of the French Government to the release of these assets and to related problems.

3. If the proposals are acceptable, the present Note with the annexed memorandum, and your reply thereto, will be considered as placing on formal record the understanding between the two Governments in this matter.

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

N. A. ROBERTSON,
*For the Secretary of State
for External Affairs.*

*The French Ambassador
to the Secretary of State for External Affairs*

(Translation)

FRENCH EMBASSY IN CANADA

OTTAWA, March 22, 1946.

No. 65

SIR,

With reference to your letter of February 12 last, I have the honour to inform you that my Government agrees to the Memorandum attached to your above letter concerning the de-blocking of private French assets sequestered in Canada.

As you kindly suggested, this letter together with yours of February 12 shall constitute an agreement between our two Governments as of to-day, March 22.

Accept, Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

J. DE HAUTECLOCQUE.

* For the text of the Memorandum see page 10 below.