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Excellency:

I have the honor of referring to recent discussions which have taken place between officials of the Government of the United States of America and of the Government of Canada (hereinafter referred to as the Parties) concerning the establishment of certain mutual defense commitments between the two Parties. These discussions reflect the mutual desire of the Parties, in the exercise of their national and mutual defense responsibilities within the North Atlantic Treaty Organization for the security of the United States and Canada, to facilitate the process of cooperation in defense matters and to ensure that the respective interests of the Parties are fairly respected under international law.

I have, further, the honor to refer to the Agreement between the parties to the North Atlantic Treaty regarding the status of their forces (NATO SOFA) signed at London on June 19, 1951, which, inter alia, defined the terms "force" and "civilian component" and

His Excellency

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