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Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge with thanks receipt of your predecessor's Note No. JLO-0693 of August 31, 1995, referring to discussions between representatives of the Government of the United States of America and the Government of Canada concerning the terms and conditions for cooperation between the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) and the Canadian Space Agency (CSA) in connection with the training of mission specialists for space shuttle flights, which reads as follows:

(See Note from Canada No. JLO-0693 from August 31, 1995)

I have the further honor to inform you that I accept, on behalf of my Government, your proposal that cooperation between our two governments on this training shall be in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in the Agreement on training of CSA mission specialists concluded on 3 March 1995, between the CSA and NASA, and to confirm that your predecessor's note, including its attachment, and this reply shall constitute an agreement between the two Governments, which shall enter into force on the date of this note.

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

James D. Walsh Chargé d'Affaires, a.i.

The Honoraple

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Minister of Foreign Affairs,

Ottawa.