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*The Secretary of State for External Affairs
to the Norwegian Minister in Canada*

DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

OTTAWA, February 14th, 1950.

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EXCELLENCY,

I have the honour to refer to your Note of February 14th, 1950, in which you state that Det Norske Luftfartselskap A/S, a partner in the Scandinavian Airlines System, has been designated by the Norwegian Government to exercise the rights granted under the Air Transport Agreement between Canada and Norway of February 14th, 1950. My Government has noted that the Scandinavian Airlines System is an organization operated jointly by Det Norske Luftfartselskap A/S (DNL), Det Danske Luftfartselskab A/S (DDL) and Aktiebolaget Aero-transport (ABA) in accordance with Articles 77-79 of the Convention on International Civil Aviation signed at Chicago on December 7th, 1944.

In this connection I would inform you that the Canadian Government is willing to recognize the jointly operated organization referred to in your Note for the operation of the services provided for in the Agreement.

I would further advise you that the Canadian Government is prepared to accept the present Danish and Swedish participation in the Scandinavian Airlines System as equivalent to Norwegian participation for the purpose of meeting the requirements of national ownership and effective control of the designated airline under Article 6 of the Agreement.

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

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