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*The Canadian Minister to the United States
to the Secretary of State of the United States*

CANADIAN LEGATION

WASHINGTON, May 26, 1943.

No. 276

Sir,

I have the honour to refer to your note of May 25, 1943 proposing an agreement which the Government of the United States is prepared to make with the Government of Canada for the waiver of claims arising as a result of collisions between ships of the Royal Canadian Navy and United States warships.

Under instructions from my Government I have the honour to inform you in reply that the Canadian Government undertakes to give effect to the agreement set forth in your note and understands that the agreement will come into force as of the date of this note; namely, May 26, 1943.

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

LEIGHTON McCARTHY.

ARTICLE I

The Government of the United States of America and the Government of Canada agree that when a vessel of war of either Government shall collide with a vessel of war of the other Government, resulting in damage to either or both of such vessels, each Government shall bear all the expenses which arise directly or indirectly from the damage to its own vessel, and neither Government shall make any claim against the other Government on account of such damage or expenses.

ARTICLE II

This agreement shall apply in respect of claims arising since December 7, 1941, but remaining unsettled on the day this Agreement enters into force, as well as in respect of claims arising on or after such day and during the period in which the Agreement shall remain in force.

ARTICLE III

This Agreement shall remain in force until the expiration of six months from the day on which either Government shall have given to the other Government notice in writing of an intention to terminate the Agreement.

I have the honor to inform you that if an Agreement in accordance with the foregoing terms is acceptable to the Government of Canada, the agreement shall be considered by the Government of the United States of America to have been concluded and to be in effect as of the date of a corresponding note from you indicating that the Government of Canada is prepared to give effect to the Agreement.

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

CORDELL HULL