

for the exchange of harvesting machinery and crews in the prairie provinces and States.

The effective date for the beginning of the operation of this arrangement has been set at July 7, 1944 and instructions are being issued to the various field offices concerned in Canada and in the United States. A copy of the Canadian procedural document setting forth the terms and operating conditions of the arrangement is enclosed in accordance with the request contained in your letter under reference.

In view of the importance of our food production programme in the United States and Canada I hope that the result of this arrangement may be of considerable value in obviating difficulties resulting from the shortage of men and equipment for harvesting operations on both sides of the border.

It is my understanding that the arrangement recently completed is to be considered effective for each harvesting season for the duration of hostilities, subject to such modification as the Canadian and United States authorities may agree upon, it being understood that the arrangement is subject to termination by either country upon notification to the other prior to April 1 of any year.

Sincerely yours,

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