

EXCHANGE OF NOTES (SEPTEMBER 30, 1942) BETWEEN CANADA
AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA RESPECTING THE
IMPOSITION BY CANADA OF LIABILITY TO COMPULSORY
MILITARY SERVICE ON UNITED STATES CITIZENS RESIDING
IN CANADA.

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

CANADIAN LEGATION

WASHINGTON, September 30, 1942.

No. 638

SIR:

I have the honour to refer to your note of April 8, 1942, in reply to my note No. 222 of April 6 concerning the application of the United States Selective Training and Service Act of 1940, as amended, to Canadian nationals residing in the United States, and stating that the Government of the United States assures the Government of Canada full reciprocity with respect to the regime outlined in your note of March 30 under which Canadian nationals in the United States who have not declared their intention of becoming United States citizens may elect to serve in the naval, military or air forces of Canada in lieu of service in the armed forces of the United States.* In your note you further state that the Government of the United States agrees to the understandings, limitations and assumptions set forth in numbered paragraphs 4 to 9 inclusive of my note.

2. One of these understandings is that the Government of the United States is agreeable to the Canadian Government imposing a liability to compulsory military service on United States citizens residing in Canada. A second understanding is that while non-declarant United States citizens in Canada will, prior to their induction into the naval, military or air forces of Canada be granted an opportunity of electing to serve in the armed forces of the United States, this opportunity will not be granted to declarant United States citizens in Canada.

3. In accordance with these understandings the Canadian Government has recently imposed on United States citizens residing in Canada a liability to compulsory military service identical with that imposed on British subjects ordinarily resident in Canada, and the Canadian Government now desires to initiate a procedure satisfactory to the Government of the United States under which United States citizens in Canada who have not declared their intention of applying for naturalization in Canada may elect to serve in the armed forces of the United States, in lieu of service in the armed forces of Canada, at any time prior to enrolment in the Canadian Army.

* For the text of these Notes of April 6 and 8, 1942, see *Canada Treaty Series* 1942, No. 7.