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*The Secretary of State of the United States of America  
to the Canadian Ambassador*

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Washington

January 29, 1970

EXCELLENCY:

I have the honor to acknowledge your Note of today's date concerning the participation by the Provinces of New Brunswick and Quebec in the Northeastern Interstate Forest Fire Protection Compact.

I note that the Government of Canada has examined the text and agrees to the participation of the Provinces of New Brunswick and Quebec in the Compact, and that, in accordance with the authority given by the Government of Canada, the Government of Quebec signed the Compact on September 23, 1969, and the Government of New Brunswick desires to sign in the near future.

I am pleased to confirm to you that the extension to New Brunswick and Quebec of that Compact is authorized by United States law currently in effect and that pursuant to such law no further approval by the United States Government is required. I am also pleased to confirm that the United States Government accepts the view of the Canadian Government that, in accordance with Canadian law, the signing by these two Provinces takes effect on the date of this exchange of Notes, or on the date of their signature of the Compact, whichever is the later.

I am therefore pleased further to confirm that your Note and this reply shall constitute an Agreement between our two Governments which enters into force on the date of this reply.

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

*For the Secretary of State:*  
MARTIN J. HILLEBRAND

His Excellency

A. Edgar Ritchie,  
Ambassador of Canada.

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