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EXCHANGE OF NOTES (January 29, 1970) BETWEEN CANADA AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA CONCERNING PARTICIPATION BY NEW BRUNSWICK AND QUEBEC IN THE NORTH-EASTERN INTERSTATE FOREST FIRE PROTECTION COMPACT

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

EMBASSY OF CANADA

Washington, D.C.

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SIR,

I have the honour to refer to discussions between Canadian and United States officials regarding the North-Eastern Interstate Forest Fire Protection Compact.

I am pleased to inform you that the Canadian Government has examined the text and has agreed to the participation of the Provinces of New Brunswick and Quebec in the Compact. 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.

It is the view of the Canadian Government that, in accordance with Canadian law, the signing of the Compact by the Provinces of New Brunswick and Quebec takes effect on the date of this exchange of Notes between our two Governments or on the date of their signature of the Compact, whichever is the later. I should be grateful if you would confirm that the Government of the United States so authorizes extension of the Compact to a non-United States jurisdiction.

If the Government of the United States authorizes extension of the Compact to a non-United States jurisdiction, I propose that this Note, which is authentic in English and in French, and your reply to that effect shall constitute an Agreement between our two Governments which shall enter into force on the date of your reply.

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Ambassador

The Honourable
William P. Rogers,
The Secretary of State,
Washington, D.C.