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*The High Commissioner for Canada
to the Secretary of State for Dominions Affairs*

OFFICE OF THE HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR CANADA

LONDON, 1st February, 1947.

MY DEAR SECRETARY OF STATE,

In reply to your letter of 31st January concerning the grant of traffic rights in Fiji and Canton Island to British Commonwealth Pacific Airlines and Trans-Canada Airlines, I am happy to inform you that the Government of Canada are ready to make (with the Government of the United Kingdom) an interim agreement along the lines proposed in your third paragraph. This agreement will last until a long-term bilateral agreement is concluded and will effect an immediate exchange of full traffic rights with regard to the two islands of Canton and Fiji, as intimated in my letter of 30th November, 1946. At that time, it was proposed that the five Freedoms at Canton Island and Fiji should be granted to Trans-Canada Airlines as the designated airline of Canada for the Pacific Service, and that the five Freedoms at Vancouver should be granted to British Commonwealth Pacific Airlines as the designated airline of the United Kingdom in respect of Canton Island and Fiji.

This letter and your letter of 31st January shall therefore be regarded as constituting such a temporary agreement pending the conclusion of the long-term agreement.

Yours sincerely,

N. A. ROBERTSON.