

EXCHANGE OF NOTES (MARCH 9 AND 17, 1953) BETWEEN CANADA AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA CONSTITUTING AN AGREEMENT CONCERNING THE SEALING OF MOBILE RADIO TRANSMITTING EQUIPMENT

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

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

WASHINGTON, March 9, 1953.

EXCELLENCY,

I have the honor to refer to an exchange of notes dated June 25 and August 20, 1947,⁽¹⁾ which together constituted a reciprocal interim arrangement between the Government of Canada and the Government of the United States of America under which mobile radio transmitting stations licensed by the United States Government or the Canadian Government could be carried from the territory in which they are licensed into the territory of the other country, without being removed from the vehicles in which such equipment is installed, on condition that this equipment be sealed in such a manner as to prevent its operation while in the territory of the latter country.

Since the conclusion of the arrangement referred to above, there has been concluded a "Convention Between the United States of America and Canada, Relating to the Operation by Citizens of Either Country of Certain Radio Equipment or Stations in the Other Country, Signed at Ottawa February 8, 1951."⁽²⁾ Certain necessary rules and regulations envisaged in the Convention have now become effective and it appears possible to cancel entirely the interim arrangements embodied in the exchange of notes dated June 25 and August 20, 1947, except for the fact that the Convention, signed at Ottawa February 8, 1951, does not apply to all types of radio transmitting equipment the possession of which is required to be licensed in Canada, though not in the United States of America. In view of this fact it is understood that the Canadian Government desires to retain the sealing arrangement as regards radio transmitting equipment not covered by the Convention noted above and which is installed in vehicles of registry in the United States when those vehicles enter Canada. It is unnecessary, however, under United States law to retain the arrangement as regards similar equipment entering the United States.

Under the circumstances, therefore, it is suggested that the bilateral sealing arrangement of 1947 be cancelled but that it is understood that the Government of Canada may retain the sealing requirement as regards radio transmitting equipment not covered by the Convention signed at Ottawa, February 8, 1951.

If the arrangement in the sense of the foregoing paragraphs is acceptable to the Government of Canada, I suggest that this note and your reply thereto in similar terms be regarded as constituting the terms of an understanding on the subject between the two Governments.

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

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(1) Treaty Series 1947, No. 25

(2) Treaty Series 1952, No. 7