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**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
and  
CANADA**

**Exchange of notes constituting an agreement relating to  
the establishment of a Joint United States-Canadian  
Committee on Trade and Economic Affairs. Wash-  
ington, 12 November 1953**

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**ÉTATS-UNIS D'AMÉRIQUE  
et  
CANADA**

**Échange de notes constituant un accord portant création  
d'un Comité canado-américain pour le commerce et  
les affaires économiques. Washington, 12 novembre  
1953**

*Texte officiel anglais.*

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No. 3062. EXCHANGE OF NOTES CONSTITUTING AN AGREEMENT<sup>1</sup> BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND CANADA RELATING TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A JOINT UNITED STATES-CANADIAN COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND ECONOMIC AFFAIRS. WASHINGTON, 12 NOVEMBER 1953

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CANADIAN EMBASSY

No. 821

Washington, D.C. November 12, 1953

Sir,

I have the honour to refer to recent conversations between representatives of our two Governments concerning the establishment of a joint economic committee. These discussions revealed a desire on the part of both Governments to make arrangements for periodic consultation between their respective Cabinet members having major responsibility for economic policy.

I have the honour to propose, therefore, that our two Governments agree :

(a) That there shall be established a Joint United States-Canadian Committee on Trade and Economic Affairs to consist,

for CANADA, of the Secretary of State for External Affairs and the Ministers of Finance, Trade and Commerce, and either the Minister of Agriculture or the Minister of Fisheries, as appropriate, and

for the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, of the Secretaries of State, the Treasury, Agriculture, and Commerce,

together with such other officials of Cabinet rank as either Government may designate from time to time, as the need arises ;

(b) That the Committee's functions shall be :

(1) To consider matters affecting the harmonious economic relations between the two countries ;

(2) In particular, to exchange information and views on matters which might

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<sup>1</sup> Came into force on 12 November 1953 by the exchange of the said notes.

adversely affect the high level of mutually profitable trade which has been built up ;

- (3) To report to the respective Governments on such discussions in order that consideration may be given to measures deemed appropriate and necessary to improve economic relations and to encourage the flow of trade ;
- (c) That the Committee shall meet once a year or more often, as may be considered necessary by the two Governments ;
- (d) That the Committee shall meet alternately in Washington and Ottawa, the Chairman to be a Canadian member when the meetings are held in Canada, and a United States member when meetings are held in the United States.

If the Government of the United States is agreeable to the foregoing proposals, I suggest that the present Note and your reply to that effect should constitute an agreement between our two Governments which shall take effect this day and shall remain in force until such time as either Government shall have given notice in writing of its desire to terminate the agreement.

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

A. D. P. HEENEY

The Honourable John Foster Dulles  
Secretary of States of the United States  
Washington, D.C.

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### DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Washington, November 12, 1953

Excellency,

I have the honour to refer to your note No. 821 of November 12, 1953, in which you made proposals for the establishment of a Joint United States-Canadian Committee on Trade and Economic Affairs.

I have the Honour to inform you that the Government of the United States concurs in these proposals and agrees that your note and the present reply should constitute an agreement between our two Governments which shall take effect this day and which shall remain in force until such time as either Government shall have given notice in writing of its desire to terminate the agreement.

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

John Foster DULLES

His Excellency Arnold D. P. Heeney  
Ambassador of Canada