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The American Ambassador to the Canadian Secretary of State for External Affairs

EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Excellency :

I have the honor to refer to recent discussions between authorities of our two countries concerned with civil emergency planning and civil defense matters. These authorities have concluded that planning in our respective countries in these fields has reached a stage at which it would be mutually advantageous to revise the liaison arrangements between the two countries and to establish direct channels for detailed and technical consultation on civil defense, the use of resources in emergencies, and other aspects of civil emergency planning.

I am instructed by my Government, therefore, to propose a new agreement on Joint Civil Emergency Planning in our two countries, which would replace the United States-Canada Agreement on Civil Defense Cooperation of March 27, 1951.²

As far as possible, civil emergency planning activities in the United States and Canada should be coordinated for the protection of persons and property from the results of enemy attack as if there were no border. It is, therefore, proposed that there be a Joint United States-Canada Civil Emergency Planning Committee with responsibility for making recommendations to the two Governments, their departments and agencies, concerning plans and arrangements for cooperation and mutual assistance between the civil authorities of the two countries in the event of an attack on either country. This Committee will include the Secretary to the Cabinet of Canada, the Director of the Emergency Measures Organization of Canada, the Director of the Office of Emergency Planning of the United States, the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Civil Defense)

¹ Came into force on 15 November 1963 by the exchange of the said notes.

² United Nations, *Treaty Series*, Vol. 132, p. 333.