

APPREHENSION AND RETURN OF DESERTERS FROM ARMED FORCES

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The American Ambassador to the Secretary of State for External Affairs

EMBASSY OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
Ottawa, Canada, June 13, 1945

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SIR:

I have the honor to state that my Government believes the prosecution of the war would be facilitated by a more speedy and effective return to military jurisdiction of members of the Armed Forces of the United States and Canada who have either deserted or are absent without leave and are located in the territory of the other country.

I have been directed to suggest, therefore, that the Canadian Government may wish to agree that the military authorities of the United States and Canada shall cooperate to the full extent provided by the respective laws and regulations of the two countries in apprehending such offenders and returning them to the custody of the appropriate authority of the government from whose military service they have deserted or are absent without leave.

If this proposal meets with your approval I suggest that my note and your reply constitute the agreement of our two governments on the subject.

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

RAY ATHERTON

The Right Honorable
THE SECRETARY OF STATE
FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS,
Ottawa.

¹ Date of entry into force of treaty of peace with Japan (3 UST (3) 3169). In an exchange of notes at Washington June 2 and July 26, 1952, the United States and Canada concurred in this interpretation of the date of termination.