MILITARY OVERFLIGHTS

Exchanges of notes at Ottawa July 12, 13, 18, and 30 and August 9, 1940

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The American Minister to the Secretary of State for External Affairs

No. 36

Ottawa, Canada, *July 12, 1940*

SIR:

I have the honor to refer to an arrangement of 1932 ² under the terms of which the military aircraft of the United States and Canada have been permitted to fly over specified portions of the territory of the other. This arrangement as you know has been annually renewed in June, until this year when to its regret my Government did not feel it could appropriately extend it.

In the circumstances I have been instructed to inquire whether the Canadian Government would be disposed to grant, on a unilateral basis, until such time as it may be possible to renew the agreement which has just lapsed, blanket permission for military aircraft of the United States to make flights over Canadian territory (1) between Selfridge Field, Mount Clemens, Michigan, and Cleveland, Buffalo and Toledo, and (2) between Fairbanks and Juneau, Alaska, subject as far as may be possible under Canada's emergency requirements to the same conditions which have heretofore prevailed.

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

PIERREPONT MOFFAT

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

¹ Post, p. 193.

² Exchange of notes at Ottawa, Sept. 15 and 16, 1932, ante, p. 51.