

FUR SEALS

*Exchange of notes at Washington December 26, 1947, amending
agreement of December 8 and 19, 1942*

Entered into force December 26, 1947

*Terminated October 14, 1957, by convention of February 9, 1957*¹

62 Stat. 1821; Treaties and Other
International Acts Series 1686

The Secretary of State to the Canadian Ambassador

WASHINGTON, D.C.
December 26, 1947

EXCELLENCY:

I have the honor to refer to conversations which have taken place between representatives of the Government of the United States of America and representatives of the Government of Canada with regard to the possibility of amending the Provisional Fur Seal Agreement between the United States and Canada effected by exchange of notes signed at Washington, December 8 and 19, 1942,² with a view to assuring continuing protection of the fur seal herd.

I am glad to inform you that legislation has recently been enacted by the Congress of the United States of America which provides for the extension for an indefinite period of existing laws for the enforcement of the Provisional Fur Seal Agreement. This Government will, therefore, continue to be in position to give full force and effect to the provisions of that Agreement.

Accordingly, the Government of the United States of America proposes that the final sentence of Article X of the Provisional Fur Seal Agreement which relates to the duration of the Agreement, shall be amended to read as follows:

"The Agreement shall remain in effect until (a) either the Government of the United States of America or the Government of Canada enacts legislation contrary to its provisions; or (b) the date of entry into force of a new agreement for the preservation and protection of fur seals to which the United States of America and Canada, and possibly other interested countries, shall

¹ 8 UST 2283; TIAS 3948.

² EAS 415, *ante*, p. 297.