MILITARY OVERFLIGHTS

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The Canadian Minister to the Secretary of State

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SIR:

I have the honour to refer to your note of September 30, 1940,¹ and previous correspondence, concerning flights over Canadian territory and territorial waters by aircraft of the United States Army, Navy and Coast Guard.

I am informed by my Government that it has recently been found necessary to send United States aircraft from Buffalo to Selfridge Field via Canadian territory, because of bad weather conditions south of Lake Erie. Since it is impossible to predict these weather conditions twenty-four hours in advance, the United States Army Air Corps has found it impossible, in many instances, to give the usual twenty-four hours notice to the Canadian authorities.

The United States Army Air Corps has requested that notice of ferrying flights of P-40 aircraft from Buffalo to Selfridge Field may be given later than twenty-four hours prior to the time that the flight is to take place.

I am instructed to inform you that this proposal is agreeable to the Canadian Government, providing that the Air Officer Commanding No. 1 Training Command is given at least one hour's notice prior to the time of the departure of the aircraft.

¹ Ante, p. 193.