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## NOTICE TO THE PRESS

The United States and Canada have agreed to renew the North American Air Defense (NORAD) Agreement for an additional five-year period. The renewal took place yesterday through an exchange of notes at the Department of State.

The President welcomes the renewal of the NORAD Agreement continuing through 1980 cooperation between Canada and the United States on the defense of the North American continent. As the notes exchanged today indicate, the United States and Canada remain convinced that such cooperation, conducted within the framework of the North Atlantic Treaty, remains vital to their mutual security, compatible with their national interests and an important element of their NATO contribution.