

## MILITARY OVERFLIGHTS

*Exchange of notes at Washington March 31 and April 14, 1941, amending agreement of September 18, 19, and 30, 1940*

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*The Canadian Minister to the Secretary of State*

CANADIAN LEGATION  
WASHINGTON  
*March 31, 1941*

No. 173

SIR:

I have the honour to refer to your note of September 30, 1940,<sup>1</sup> 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.

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<sup>1</sup> *Ante*, p. 193.

I have the honour to be, with the highest consideration, Sir,  
Your most obedient, humble servant,

LEIGHTON McCARTHY

The Honourable  
CORDELL HULL,  
*Secretary of State of the United States,  
Washington, D.C.*

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*The Secretary of State to the Canadian Minister*

APRIL 14, 1941

SIR:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your note no. 173 dated March 31, 1941, informing me that the Canadian Government has no objection to a proposal by the United States Army Air Corps that notice of ferry flights of P-40 aircraft over Canadian territory en route from Buffalo, New York, to Selfridge Field, Mount Clemens, Michigan, be given later than the usual twenty-four hours in advance, provided the Air Officer Commanding, No. 1 Training Command, 55 York Street, Toronto, Canada, is given at least one hour's advance notice prior to the time of the departure of the aircraft. It is noted that this applies only to flights from Buffalo to Selfridge Field.

I deeply appreciate the courtesy of your Government in granting this request and assure you that the flight commanders will be instructed to comply with the conditions set forth in your note.

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

For the Secretary of State:

A. A. BERLE, Jr.

The Honourable  
LEIGHTON G. McCARTHY, K.C.,  
*Minister of Canada.*