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Exchange of Letters

between the Government of the
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
and the Government of Canada

further modifying
the Arrangements of 1959 on
Social Security Benefits

Ottawa, 9 March 1973

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No. 1

*The United Kingdom High Commissioner at Ottawa to the Minister of
National Health and Welfare of Canada*

*British High Commission,
Ottawa.*

9 March, 1973

My dear Minister,

1. As you know our officials have been considering whether the arrangements concerning social security agreed in the letters which passed between the Governments of the United Kingdom and of Canada on the 8th and 10th December, 1959,⁽¹⁾ as amended by the Exchange of Letters of the 7th and 30th November, 1961,⁽²⁾ require to be modified in view of the recent changes made in Canadian Social Security legislation.

2. The Government of the United Kingdom now proposes that:

(a) the provisions set out in paragraph 16(a) of Sir Saville Garner's letter of the 8th December, 1959 (which in certain circumstances enable a person to be treated as having paid contributions under the legislation of the United Kingdom for weeks of residence in Canada) should apply, for the purpose of any claim to receive a retirement pension under the legislation of the United Kingdom, to a person aged 65 or over; and

(b) paragraph 16(a) (ii) of the said letter should be amended to read as follows:

“ throughout the last year of that ten-year period and throughout earlier periods after attaining the age of 18 which in the aggregate are at least three times as long as any parts of that ten-year period during which he has not been resident in the United Kingdom;”.

3. If the Government of Canada agrees to the above proposals, I suggest that they shall take effect on the first day of the second month following the month in which your letter in that sense is received by me.

Yours ever,

PETER HAYMAN

⁽¹⁾ Cmnd. 925.

⁽²⁾ Cmnd. 1620.

No. 2

*The Minister of National Health and Welfare of Canada to the
United Kingdom High Commissioner at Ottawa*

Ottawa.

March 9, 1973

My dear High Commissioner:

I am replying to your letter of March 9, 1973, concerning modification of the arrangements on social security benefits contained in the Exchange of Letters of the 8th and 10th December, 1959, as amended by the Exchange of Letters of the 7th and 30th November, 1961.

The Government of Canada accepts the proposals set out in paragraphs 2(a) and (b) of your letter and agrees that the modifications shall take effect as set out in paragraph 3 of your letter.

Yours truly,

MARC LALONDE