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In reply refer to:
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Mr. F.G. Nixon
Director, Telecommunications &
Electronics Branch
Department of Transport
Ottawa, Canada

Dear Mr. Nixon:

This refers to your letter dated June 20, 1960, file 5868-1/5850-9-4, enclosing four copies of the Canadian Railroads Radio Frequency Assignment Plan, which referred to the Commission's letter of March 25, 1960, file 6155-F, and previous correspondence concerning frequency plans for the Railroad Radio Service in the United States and Canada.

It is believed that the plans of the Association of American Railroads (AAR) and the Railway Association of Canada are mutually compatible and represent, as applicable, the coordinated frequency assignments of each country. Further, there is no objection to these plans being used as the basis for priority in the use of frequencies by essential, existing and proposed railroad operations in the band 160.215 - 161.565 Mc, subject to future changes as may be necessary and provided such changes are coordinated with the other country prior to inclusion in the plan concerned.

While the above arrangement is less formal than that suggested in paragraph 2a of your letter, it is hoped that it will meet your objectives even though your suggestion for a priority period of three years is not concurred in. The reason for this deviation from your suggestion is that, before such priority could be afforded the respective plans by the Commission, it is believed it would be necessary to propose rule making to incorporate the AAR frequency assignment plan into the Commission's Rules and Regulations, which would probably reduce greatly the flexibility now existing with respect to modifying the AAR plan. In view of the compatibility of the two plans, no problems should arise in the 160.215 - 161.565 Mc band that could not be easily resolved by the AAR and the Railway Association of Canada through their present joint frequency coordinating facilities.