

THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
CANADA

OTTAWA, January 29, 1959.

Dear Madam,

I wish to refer to the letter dated March 9, 1944 from the Secretary of State for External Affairs to the Secretary of the Canadian Section of the International Joint Commission, which sets out the terms of the Columbia River Reference.

The first paragraph of this letter deals with the general objectives of the Reference, and it states in part as follows, "...in order to determine whether a greater use than is now being made of the waters of the Columbia River System would be feasible and advantageous, the Governments of the United States and Canada have agreed to refer the matter to the International Joint Commission for investigation and report pursuant to Article IX of the convention concerning Boundary Waters between the United States and Canada, signed January 11, 1909".

The Governments of the United States and Canada, as part of their continuing discussions, have agreed to request the International Joint Commission to report specially to governments at an early date its recommendations concerning the principles to be applied in determining

- (a) the benefits which will result from the co-operative use of storage of waters and electrical interconnection in the Columbia River System, and
- (b) the apportionment between the two countries of such benefits, more particularly in regard to electrical generation and flood control.

Yours sincerely,

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