The officials state that one of the major questions for any tribunal established to consider claims would be whether, in fact, any damage has been caused by reason of Gut Dam.

Following approval by the International Joint Commission recently of the construction of the proposed power works in the International Section of the St. Lawrence River, the Canadian Government immediately commenced the removal of Gut Dam. The removal of the dam was to take place in any event in the course of the construction of the power works. The action of the Canadian Government, in commencing its immediate removal, is to advance the date of removal in recognition of the concern felt on all sides as to any possible effect that Gut Dam might have had on water levels. Officials point out, however, that the view of the Canadian Government is that it has had little, if any, effect on these water levels.