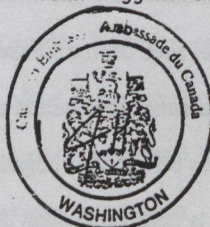


settlement shall constitute a full and final settlement of all claims for costs of environmental clean-up at the four installations described.

I have the honour to confirm that your note and this reply, done in duplicate in English and French, shall constitute an Agreement between the Governments of the United States and Canada on this matter, that enters into force on this date.

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

(signed)
John Higginbotham



Washington, D.C.

October 9, 1996