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THE THIRD SESSION OF THE CANADA-UNITED STATES NEGOTIATIONS ON THE CO-OPERATIVE DEVELOPMENT OF THE WATER RESOURCES OF THE COLUMBIA RIVER SYSTEM WAS HELD IN OTTAWA MARCH 31 AND APRIL 1. THE FIRST SESSION TOOK PLACE IN OTTAWA, FEBRUARY 11-12, AND THE SECOND IN WASHINGTON, MARCH 4-5.

THE EXPLORATORY PHASE OF THE DISCUSSIONS HAS ENDED AND THE MEETING WAS DEVOTED MAINLY TO ACTUAL NEGOTIATIONS WHICH IT IS HOPED WILL LEAD TO AGREEMENT ON A PLAN OF DEVELOPMENT. TECHNICAL ADVISERS WILL MAKE DETAILED STUDIES OF VARIOUS MATTERS WHICH WERE THE SUBJECT OF DISCUSSION AND WILL REPORT THEIR FINDINGS FOR CONSIDERATION AT THE NEXT NEGOTIATING SESSION WHICH WILL BE HELD IN WASHINGTON IN APPROXIMATELY FOUR WEEKS' TIME.