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*The Acting Secretary of State of the United States of America
to the Ambassador of Canada to the United States of America*

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

WASHINGTON, D.C., December 23, 1948

EXCELLENCY,

I have the honor to inform you that the Government of the United States of America concurs in the proposals set forth in your note of December 23, 1948, and that it is willing to permit the temporary diversions of water under the conditions stated in your note and on the basis that the diversions will not create any vested interest in the use of such amounts of water.

The Government of the United States of America considers that your note and this reply thereto shall be regarded as an agreement between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of Canada concerning this matter. In view of the emergency power situation to which you refer in your note, the Government of the United States of America will consider the said agreement to be operative provisionally as of today's date, with the understanding that this agreement shall enter into force definitively when approved by the Senate of the United States of America and if rejected by that body the agreement shall thereupon terminate and the diversion of these waters provided therein shall be discontinued.

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

ROBERT A. LOVETT.

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