

As the Department will recall, the Embassy in November 1975 transmitted for the information of the United States Congress a 'Canadian Position on the Garrison Diversion Unit' which stated, inter alia, that 'a report from the Commission should be received and studied... before any firm commitments are made in the United States for construction potentially affecting waters flowing into Canada, since such construction could be substantially affected by the outcome of the reference'. In view of the delay in the Commission's reporting schedule and the potential impact on Canada of the filling and operation of the Lonetree Reservoir, the Canadian Government wishes to make clear that this position applies to further construction of the Reservoir. With the understanding that the Commission will report on its findings in the near future, the Embassy has therefore been instructed to request, as a logical extension of the United States Government's assurances of February 1974, that further construction and decisions on construction of the Lonetree Reservoir be deferred until after the Commission's report has been received and subsequent consultations between the two Governments have taken place.

The Embassy of Canada avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Department of State the assurances of its highest consideration."