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The Prime Minister, Mr. St. Laurent, announced today that an application has been submitted by the Government of Canada to the International Joint Commission for an order of approval of the construction of works for the development of power in the International Rapids Section of the St. Lawrence River. The United States Government has also submitted a concurrent application today in Washington for approval of the works which will be undertaken by entities to be designated by Canada and the United States.

Agreement was reached on the final details of the applications by the two governments at a meeting in Washington today between the Minister of Transport, Mr. Lionel Chevrier, and the Acting Secretary of State of the United States, Mr. David K.E. Bruce. At the meeting in Washington, the Canadian Ambassador, Mr. H.H. Wrong, and the Acting Secretary of State exchanged notes in which Mr. Wrong reiterated the undertaking of the Canadian Government to construct the St. Lawrence Seaway when arrangements have been completed for the development of power in the International Rapids Section of the St. Lawrence River. The Canadian note outlines the arrangements under which navigation facilities for a deep waterway from Montreal to the Great Lakes will be undertaken by Canada alone. These navigation facilities, which will be constructed as early as possible concurrently with the power development, do not require the approval of the International Joint Commission.

The text of the Canadian application to the Commission, and copies of the notes exchanged in Washington, are attached to this release.
