The Ambassador of the United States of America to the Secretary of State for External Affairs of Canada

Ottawa, February 22, 1984

Sir:

I have the honor to refer to your Note of this date, with attached Annex, regarding the United States-Canada Committee on Water Quality in the Saint John River, which was established by an Exchange of Notes between our two Governments on September 21, 1972. You have proposed that our Governments now utilize the water quality objectives approved by the Committee in 1980. In addition, you have proposed continued operation of the Committee under a revised mandate, as set forth in the Annex to your Note. These proposals have been approved by the United States Government.

Accordingly, I have the honor to confirm that your Note, together with its Annex, and this reply, shall constitute an agreement between our Governments which shall enter into force on the date of this reply.

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

PAUL HERON ROBINSON JR. Ambassador

The Honourable Allan J. MacEachen, Deputy Prime Minister and Secretary of State for External Affairs, Ottawa.

1) Provide copies of its report to the International Inine Commission

Discussions within the Committee will supplement and net replace existents and informal discussions or other contacts among federat, state, provided local authorities.

- 3. Composition and organization of the Committee
- (a) The Committee shall consist of an equal number of members from each country, and will include appropriate officials from the Covernations of Canada and the United States; the Governments of New Brundsick, Quebec and Maine; and representatives of reasonal or aminations, as appropriate.

(b) The members will represent their respective sutherisies (who will pay out expenses as may be incurred in this sequent) and provide the sported skills experience and information required to earry out the share terms of reference;