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**INTERNATIONAL JOINT COMMISSION
REPORT ON POLLUTION OF
ST. MARYS, ST. CLAIR AND DETROIT RIVERS**

The Honourable Mitchell Sharp, Secretary of State for External Affairs, today released a report by the International Joint Commission on its recent public international meetings held to inquire into pollution of the St. Marys, St. Clair and Detroit Rivers. The report, which was also forwarded to the United States Government, is contained in the following letter dated January 31, 1969 addressed to Mr. Sharp by Mr. A.D.P. Heeney, Chairman of the Canadian Section of the International Joint Commission. The report is also being released today in Washington.

"Last week the Commission conducted two public international meetings on pollution in the Connecting Channels of the Great Lakes, concerning which it maintains continuing supervision as authorized in 1951 by the Governments of Canada and the United States. The first meeting was held on January 21st at Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, in relation to the St. Marys River; the second on January 22nd at Windsor, Ontario, with respect to the St. Clair and Detroit Rivers.

Both meetings were very well attended, not only by federal, provincial, state and municipal officials but also by representatives of industry and the public at large. Each meeting occupied a full day and a great deal of testimony was given and a great many briefs filed by public authorities and private persons. You may have noticed, too, that a good deal of attention was paid to these proceedings by the newspapers, television and radio.