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In Ottawa today, upon the conclusion of the first session of the Canada-United States negotiations on the co-operative development of the water resources of the Columbia River System, the Chairman of the Canadian Delegation, the Honourable E.D. Fulton, Minister of Justice, and the Chairman of the United States Delegation, the Honourable E. F. Bennett, Under Secretary of the United States Department of the Interior, issued the following statement.

" This first meeting, while primarily exploratory in nature, has provided a most useful opportunity for an exchange of views and progress has been made. We are determined to proceed with all possible speed and to that end we have scheduled a second meeting to be held in Washington on March 4 and 5. In the interim, experts from both our countries will be working on some of the more technical aspects of the problems, with joint consideration by these experts of pertinent data.

" In our negotiations we are being guided by the Principles recommended by the International Joint Commission and we wish to take this opportunity to commend the members of that body for the excellent preparatory studies they produced."