

for the Garrison Diversion so as to protect Canadian interests, has not only once. No agreement could be reached as to the terms of reference for the group and thus no progress has been achieved through this mechanism.

The Government of Canada is confident the United States Government will recognize the need to avoid degradation of the water of the Souris River passing into Canada. Accordingly, the Government of Canada requests urgently that the Government of the United States establish a moratorium on all further construction of the Garrison Diversion Unit until such time as the United States and Canadian Governments can reach an understanding that Canadian rights and interests have been fully protected in accordance with the provisions of the Boundary Waters Treaty.

The Government of Canada looks forward to an early reply to this request. Further, the Government of Canada suggests that senior officials from both sides representing all interests meet quickly, following the establishment of a moratorium, to reach the understanding described above.

The Canadian Embassy avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Department of State the assurances of its highest considerations.

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