

Mr. BARTHOLOMEW: The covering letter reads as follows:

Ottawa, April 8, 1964.

Dear Mr. Morris:

Thank you for your letter of March 23 which expressed your general agreement with the improvement brought about in the Columbia river treaty by the recently signed protocol. It is very gratifying to have this acknowledgment of the success of the intensive negotiations which took place. I am attaching for your information a copy of a book entitled "The Columbia River Treaty and Protocol—A Presentation". I believe this book clearly sets out the case for the treaty and protocol and will be of interest to you.

Your letter asked for my observations on four points which your subcommittee on power felt still required some further clarification. While points like those mentioned will be given detailed explanation during the hearings of the standing committee on external affairs which commenced on the 7th of this month, perhaps the very brief comments which are attached may prove to be of interest.

May I use this opportunity to express my best wishes to Mr. Benson on his election as the new president of your board of trade.

Yours sincerely,  
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Mr. TURNER: Do I understand that this blue book or presentation was sent in response to that letter?

Mr. BARTHOLOMEW: I cannot say, sir.

Mr. TURNER: You did not have a chance to read it since April 8?

Mr. BARTHOLOMEW: No, I got a copy of this book two or three days ago. It is pretty overwhelming, you know.

Mr. HERRIDGE: What were your comments on Mr. Martin's comments?

Mr. LEBOE: Mr. Chairman, it is now three minutes to six and I think this is a pretty good place to break off if we are going to break off for six o'clock.

The CHAIRMAN: I have seven members who wish to ask questions. Perhaps we might finish the questions.

Mr. BREWIN: I propose that we now adjourn for diverted and consumptive purposes.

The CHAIRMAN: Is that agreeable to the committee? Shall we reassemble at eight o'clock?

Mr. TURNER: The steering committee is to meet at eight o'clock.

Mr. HERRIDGE: Why not make it eight thirty on account of the steering committee?

The CHAIRMAN: Is there any purpose in having a steering committee meeting at this stage?

Mr. HERRIDGE: Some of us have certain matters to bring to the attention of the steering committee.