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Representatives of the United States and Canada met in Ottawa on December 9, 10 and 11 for further discussions on the Columbia River Treaty.

The United States delegation was headed by the Honourable Ivan White, Minister of the United States Embassy, and included Mr. Charles Luce, Bonneville Power Administrator, Major General W.W. Lapsley, North Pacific Division Engineer, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and other officers of the departments and agencies concerned and of interested utilities.

The Canadian delegation was headed by the Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Paul Martin, and included the Honourable Ray Williston, British Columbia Minister of Lands, Forests and Water Resources, the Honourable Arthur Laing, Minister of Northern Affairs and National Resources, the Honourable Robert Bonner, British Columbia Attorney General, Dr. Jack Davis, Parliamentary Secretary to the Prime Minister, Dr. Hugh Keenleyside, Chairman, British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority and other officers of the departments and agencies concerned.

The meeting discussed reports of the technical Working Groups which had been set up at the previous meeting in Washington, D.C., on September 6. The discussions dealt with several major points concerning arrangements for the sale of Canadian downstream benefits and for financing the development of the Columbia River in Canada. After three days of discussions during which substantial progress was made, the negotiators are in general agreement on a report that will now be submitted to the governments concerned. Working parties are to meet in the course of the next week to draft the necessary documents for consideration at a further meeting of the delegations in Ottawa on December 20.