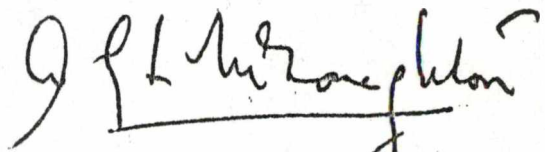


I am confident that such a study will endorse the full diversion to the Columbia and provided this plan is thus confirmed, I would forthwith reject High Arrow and Libby and declare that any plan for the development of the Columbia, to be acceptable to the Government of Canada will include the Dorr Bull River-Luxor storages in the East Kootenay.

My reason is that it is these high-altitude storages which provide the flexibility which is essential in the operations for flood prevention and power production, and which position the stored waters of Canadian origin where they will remain under the physical as well as the jurisdictional control of Canada.

I would also direct that a public hearing under the International Rivers Improvement Act be held in the Arrow Lakes and Windermere areas so that the Government may ascertain at first hand the views of the people of these regions. Surely it is a requirement of simple justice that the people most affected shall be heard from before any definitive negotiation is entered into.

Very sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'A. G. L. McNaughton'. The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line under the name.

A. G. L. McNaughton.