

No remarks on Canadian-U.S. Transboundary waters can avoid a mention of the IJC.\* The abundance of correspondence from the Commission to Governments is an almost daily reminder that the progenitor of the 1972 Agreement is daily overseeing the condition of the Great Lakes. I think it speaks of the high regard of those who know it best, and who work closest with it, that they saw fit to continue those important responsibilities in the 1978 Agreement. Should Chairmen Cohen and Sugarman, through the exercise of the Commission's powers and responsibilities, continue to enhance the water quality of the lakes over the next five years, I wonder if the 1983 Agreement might not cede the Lakes outright to the Commission. We'll look at that one later!

In closing, I would like to remind all of you who are here that within the context of Canada-U.S.A. relations that I have mentioned this ceremony marks an end and a beginning. We can look with some satisfaction at the achievements which have resulted from the 1972 Agreement. We can look forward to even more improvement in Great Lakes water quality over the next five years. Above all, the 1978 Agreement represents a continuation of the practical approach to Canada-U.S. relations which is one of the strengths we share, and for which all of us owe our thanks to those who negotiated this Agreement.

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\*International Joint Commission.