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(Interview with Robert Clarkson, Co-ordinator of the Garrison Focus Office in Winnipeg)

Mr. Clarkson said he thought the recommendation by the U.S. Congressional Committee was merely a recognition that Canadian concerns expressed for 15-20 years are justified, not an end to the project. He credited lobbying, including that of The Ottawa Society in the U.S. and the Manitoba lobby in Washington, for the decision. He did not rule out future difficulties with the Project.

CBC Radio The Food Show Dec. 9/84

(Interview with Maxwell Cohen, Former Chairman of the International Joint Commission)

A U.S. Government appointed Commission has recommended Washington go ahead with a modified Garrison Water Diversion Project that won't transfer water into the Canadian drainage system. This is seen as a victory for Manitobans. Mr. Cohen said the report of the Commission and earlier rulings by the International Joint Commission dealt fairly with the issue of pollution and that the term "pollution" should not be redefined in the 1909 Treaty.

CBC Radio The Home Oct. 17/84

Fisheries Minister John Fraser says a new management agreement for the Georges Bank area is urgent, that it will be forthcoming, and that the issue will affect future relations with the U.S. in other matters. Doug Marshall of the New England Fisheries Management Council does not expect an agreement to be reached so easily, nor does former Fisheries Minister Romeo LeBlanc.

CTV Canada AM Oct. 15/84

(Interview with Bill Graham, Professor of International Law at the University of Toronto)

Mr. Graham said the boundary is probably fair to both sides since fishermen in both countries are complaining. He said the significance of the decision is that it advances the process of adjudication as means for settling problems in the world (and that this will be important to Canada in other boundary disputes) and that both countries will now have to realize the area is a resource which has to be managed for the benefit of both countries.

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(Interview with Allan Billard, Executive Director of the Canadian Eastern Fisherman's Federation)

Mr. Billard said he is surprised that the U.S. is considering asking for a year's delay in the ruling. He called the ruling an 'even-steven' compromise and said a year's delay would result in over-fishing of the area and is unreasonable since the U.S. pushed for a World Court decision and now doesn't want to accept it. He expects the U.S. to enact countervailing duties on Canadian fishing exports if Canada doesn't agree to the delay and says the government should not give in to this threat of blackmail. In response to the charge