

EXCHANGE OF NOTES (NOVEMBER 12, 1953) BETWEEN CANADA AND THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA CONSTITUTING AN AGREEMENT FOR THE
ESTABLISHMENT OF THE ST. LAWRENCE RIVER JOINT BOARD OF EN-
GINEERS

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*The Canadian Ambassador to the United States of America to the
Secretary of State of the United States of America*

CANADIAN EMBASSY

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SIR,

I have the honour to refer to the Order of Approval issued by the International Joint Commission on October 29, 1952, under authority of the Boundary Waters Treaty of January 11, 1909, in the matter of the applications of the Government of Canada and the Government of the United States of America for an Order of Approval for the construction of certain works for the development of power in the International Rapids Section of the St. Lawrence River.

The Government of Canada has designated the Hydro-Electric Power Commission of Ontario as the entity to construct, maintain and operate the proposed works in Canada and I have been informed that the Government of the United States, consistent with the action of the Federal Power Commission in licencing the Power Authority of the State of New York, has declared that authority to be the designee of the Government of the United States of America for the construction of the works referred to in the Order of Approval of the International Joint Commission of October 29, 1952. It would, therefore, be agreeable to the Canadian Government if the St. Lawrence River Joint Board of Engineers, proposed in the applications of both Governments to the International Joint Commission and approved in that Commission's Order, were now established so that the Hydro-Electric Power Commission of Ontario and the Power Authority of the State of New York may submit their plans and programmes of construction to the Board for its approval.

The Canadian Government suggests that the Board consist of four members, two to be designated by and to act on behalf of the Government of Canada and two to be designated by and to act on behalf of the Government of the United States of America, and that the Board should perform the duties specified in clause (g) of the Order of Approval, including the approval of the plans and specifications of the works and the programmes of construction thereof, submitted for approval of the respective Governments as required by the Order of Approval, and assurance that the construction of the works is in accordance with such approval.

Reports shall be made by the Joint Board of Engineers to the respective governments to keep them currently informed of the progress of the construction of the works.