## DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS



MINISTÈRE DES AFFAIRES EXTÉRIEURES

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The Secretary of State for External Affairs presents his compliments to His Excellency the Ambassador of the United States of America and has the honour to refer to the Agreement they signed today on behalf of their Governments concerning the establishment of an international arbitral Tribunal to dispose of United States claims relating to the construction and maintenance of a navigation improvement dam in the international section of the St. Lawrence River known as "Gut Dam".

The Secretary of State for External Affairs wishes to state that the Government of Canada expressly reserves its right to espouse claims of Canadian citizens against the Government of the United States of America with respect to damage to property allegedly attributable to Gut Dam should the Tribunal to be established under the terms of the Agreement find that the U.S. Government is in some measure legally liable to compensate its own citizens for damage caused by Gut Dam or should any award by the Tribunal provide some other basiss which would warrant, in the opinion of the Government of

TAWA, March 25, 1965.