

7. The important economic areas tributary to the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence basin on both sides of the border would be assured of the realization of their desire that ocean navigation be brought to the heart of the continent while, at the same time, the period within which completion of the deep waterway would be contemplated would be sufficient to provide a natural growth of traffic assuring the railroads the ability to adjust themselves to the new transportation agency without financial hardship.

8. Both countries would be assured a continuing basis of cooperation in the planned utilization of one of the world's greatest natural resources. Provision would be made for the prompt solution on a sound technical basis of all problems, including those of navigation, power, lake levels, diversions from and into the basin, et cetera, in terms of the mutual interests of the two peoples.

May I express the hope that the Government of Canada will find in the proposals herein outlined a satisfactory basis for the undertaking at an early date of negotiations for a treaty and the expediting of such negotiations to the end that the interests of both peoples in the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence resource may be most effectively served?

I shall appreciate being informed of the views of your Government as soon as may be conveniently possible.

Accept, Sir, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

CORDELL HULL.

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