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FRIDAY, AUGUST 21, 1959.

THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, THE HONOURABLE HOWARD GREEN, ANNOUNCED THIS MORNING THAT THE CANADIAN AMBASSADOR IN WASHINGTON HAD DELIVERED A FURTHER NOTE OF PROTEST YESTERDAY CONCERNING LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS IN THE UNITED STATES FOR THE ADDITIONAL DIVERSION OF WATER FROM LAKE MICHIGAN AT CHICAGO.

MR. GREEN SAID IT WAS HOPED THAT THIS NOTE WOULD MAKE ABUNDANTLY CLEAR THAT THE CANADIAN GOVERNMENT WAS GREATLY CONCERNED AT THE DECISION THIS WEEK OF THE SENATE PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE TO REPORT FAVOURABLY ON A BILL WHICH WOULD AUTHORIZE THE TAKING OF ANOTHER 1000 CUBIC FEET PER SECOND OF WATER FROM THE GREAT LAKES WATERSHED AT CHICAGO.

THE NOTE WAS IN THE FOLLOWING TERMS:

"I HAVE THE HONOUR TO REFER TO MY NOTE NO. 184 OF APRIL 9, 1959, CONCERNING LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS TO INCREASE THE DIVERSION OF WATER FROM LAKE MICHIGAN AT CHICAGO.

I AM INSTRUCTED TO INFORM YOU THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA HAS TAKEN NOTE OF THE RECENT LEGISLATIVE ACTION IN THE UNITED STATES CONCERNING THIS MATTER. IN THIS CONNECTION, I AM TO ADVISE YOU THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA EXPLICITLY REAFFIRMS THE POSITION SET FORTH AT LENGTH IN THE ABOVE-MENTIONED NOTE. IN THE VIEW OF MY GOVERNMENT ANY ADDITIONAL DIVERSION OF WATER OUT OF THE GREAT LAKES WATERSHED WOULD BE INCONSISTENT WITH EXISTING AGREEMENTS AND ARRANGEMENTS WHICH TOGETHER CONSTITUTE AN AGREED REGIME WITH RESPECT TO THESE WATERS. THE PROPOSED UNILATERAL DEROGATION FROM THE EXISTING REGIME THEREFORE OCCASIONS SERIOUS CONCERN IN CANADA."