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Dear Mr. Clark:

Further to our exchange in the House of Commons
yesterday concerning the Garrison Diversion Unit, I am
pleased to provide you with additional information as
promised.

You stated in your remarks that the Government
has failed to alter the project in any way, which is
proceeding in spite of Canadian objections. While we would
have preferred that the USA Government drop all plans for
Garrison construction in the Hudson Bay drainage system,
I believe that significant changes have been made in
response to Canadian concerns. In the first place,
Canadian efforts ed in 1982 to the re-design of plans for
the entire project. These plans now call for early
construction of what has been termed "Phase I", which the
USA Government has defined as those project features which
could be constructed without adversely affecting Canadian
waters, and deferral of "Phase II", which includes all
those features which could only go ahead once Canadian
concerns have been met. The current Canadian and Manitoba
strategy has been formulated in response to current USA
plans. In this respect, the Canadian Government, in close
consultation with Manitoba, prepared a comprehensive list
of outstanding technical concerns related to Phase I
features which was presented to the State Department through
a diplomatic note in September, 1983. These concerns
formed the basis of the agenda for the senior official-level
consultations that took place in Ottawa on November 21, 1983.
At that meeting the USA representatives agreed to one
significant technical modification proposed by Canada and
to the establishment of a Joint Technical Committee to
examine the remainder on an urgent basis. The modification
agreed to on November 21 was to seal the municipal and in
industrial outlet leading from Lonetree Dam with concrete
rather than with the bolted blind flange as previously
contemplated. Canada had been concerned that the flange

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