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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 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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