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NOTE FROM THE CANADIAN AMBASSADOR TO THE UNITED STATES

TO

THE ACTING SECRETARY OF STATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Washington, December 23, 1948.

Sir,

I have the honour to refer to the exchanges of notes of May 20th, 1941, and October 27th and November 27th, 1941, regarding emergency diversions of water for power purposes from the Niagara River, and to conversations that recently have taken place between officials of the Governments of Canada and the United States of America regarding the critical power shortage in Southern Ontario.

In view of the urgent need for additional power in Ontario and of the fact that there are existing hydroelectric facilities on the Canadian side of the Niagara River to use additional water, the Government of Canada hopes that the Government of the United States of America will permit the following temporary diversions:

1. The temporary diversion above the falls for power purposes of 4,000 cubic feet per second, in terms of daily aggregate, as provided in the notes exchanged between the two Governments on May 3rd, 1944, through the hydroelectric plants located along the Canadian side of the Niagara River.
2. The temporary additional diversion of 2,500 cubic feet per second, in terms of daily aggregate, during the non-navigation season, through the Welland Ship Canal for use in the DeCew Falls power plant near St. Catharines.

These diversions of water for power purposes shall be subject to the following conditions:

1. They shall terminate not later than April 15th, 1951.
2. They shall be reviewed periodically, as are the arrangements effected by the exchanges of notes referred to above.
3. They shall be used only through the existing hydroelectric facilities and shall not involve the construction of any new facilities.

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

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