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MONDAY, APRIL 9, 1962.WITHDRAWAL OF STUDY ON NIAGARA FALLS

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Howard Green, announced today that the Governments of Canada and the United States have amended the Niagara Reference which was made to the International Joint Commission on May 5, 1961.

At the request of the Hydro-Electric Power Commission of Ontario and the Power Authority of the State of New York in a joint brief submitted on March 15, 1961, the Governments of Canada and the United States in the Joint Reference of May 5, 1961, included a request for the International Joint Commission to report whether, without detriment to the scenic beauty of Niagara Falls, the flows over the Falls could be less than those now specified in the Niagara Treaty of 1950.

The Government of the United States was recently informed that the Power Authority of the State of New York was withdrawing its request for a study of this matter. The Canadian Government received a similar request from the Provincial Secretary of the Province of Ontario on behalf of the Hydro-Electric Power Commission of Ontario.

The Governments of Canada and the United States have, in view of these parallel requests, agreed to amend the Niagara Reference of 1961 by deleting the request of Governments for a study of this matter.