

To conclude, I would like again to commend the Garrison Study Board and all who participated in the production of its report for the accomplishment of a demanding task. The Government of Canada looks forward to receiving the Commission's recommendations on measures that might be taken to assist both Governments in ensuring that the provisions of the Boundary Waters Treaty are honoured. Following its review of the recommendations, the Government of Canada will be prepared to enter into discussions with the United States Government with a view to reaching agreement on this matter.

In this respect, I would wish to express the Canadian Government's appreciation for the positive reply which the United States Government has given to the Canadian Note of October 12, 1976, which had requested that further construction or decisions on construction of the Lonetree Reservoir be deferred until such time as the report of the International Joint Commission on the transboundary aspects of the Garrison project has been received and has been the subject of bilateral consultations. While the Canadian Government remains concerned about the possible impact on Canada of the Garrison project, it is encouraged by the United States Government's forthcoming attitude on this matter. We see this as another instance of the mutual and constructive efforts of the two governments to resolve transboundary issues.