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Representatives of Canada and the United States concluded today a series of negotiating sessions, beginning August last, to complete arrangements for the cooperative development of the water resources of the Columbia River basin between the two countries.

At today's meeting agreement was reached among the negotiators on all remaining points of substance relating to clarification and adjustments in the Columbia River Treaty and to the implementation of Article VIII of the Treaty regarding the marketing of Canada's entitlement of power generated in the United States. The documents embodying these agreements are being submitted by the negotiators to their respective Governments for their immediate consideration. When approved, these documents will be put in appropriate form for signature and released to the public.

The United States delegation was headed by the Honourable Ivan White, Minister of the United States Embassy, and included Mr. Charles Luce, Bonneville Power Administrator, Major General W.W. Lapsley, North Pacific Division Engineer, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and other officers of the departments and agencies concerned and of interested utilities.

The Canadian delegation was headed by the Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Paul Martin, and included the Honourable Ray Williston, British Columbia Minister of Lands, Forests and Water