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The Department of External Affairs and the United States Department of State announced today that agreement had been reached on various problems which have arisen with respect to the division of waters of common interest along, across or in the vicinity of the international boundary between Canada and the United States, in Montana and North Dakota in the United States and in the Provinces of Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta in Canada.

A conference of representatives of the two Governments was held in Ottawa on August 25-26, 1947. Draft Terms of Reference to the International Joint Commission - United States and Canada - under Article IX of the Boundary Water Treaty signed in Washington on January 11, 1909, were prepared for consideration by both Governments. Agreement has now been reached on the text of the terms of the two References, one of which covers "waters which are of common interest along, across or in the vicinity of the international boundary from the Continental Divide on the west up to and as far as the western limit of the St. Mary River drainage basin on the east", and the other relates to similar waters "from the eastern boundary of the Milk River drainage basin on the west up to and including the drainage basin of the Red River of the North on the east". Copies of the two References are attached.
