

APPENDIX A

CHICAGO DIVERSION—NOTE FROM U.S. GOVERNMENT

Excellency:

I have the honour to refer to your note No. 184 of April 9, expressing the concern of your government with regard to legislative proposals to increase the diversion of water from lake Michigan at Chicago, which are now pending before the United States congress.

The department transmitted copies of this note to the committee on public works of the United States Senate on April 16. Additionally, the department has been giving careful study to its contents with particular regard to the allegations therein that certain enumerated agreements and understandings between the United States and Canada would be broken should unilateral action be taken to increase the diversion from the great lakes

watershed at Chicago. It is to be noted in this connection that the department is not in accord with all of the points made by your government in the aforesaid note and consequently must reserve its position with respect to those allegations of a legal nature contained therein.

The department considers that further consultation between representatives of our two governments might prove useful. Accordingly, we would be pleased to receive the views of your government on the desirability of such consultation taking place in the near future.

Accept, Excellency, the renewed assurance of my highest consideration, for the acting secretary of state:

Ivan B. White

June 12, 1959
