

In this regard the report of sir Alexander Gibb and Merz & McLellan to the British Columbia energy board pointed out, that the United States system as defined in the treaty, the requirements for the control of water release under the treaty terms would reduce the firm power capability of Mica site by 150,000 kw. below that with control exercise for optimum generation on site. The change described in this part of the protocol will make this condition more unfavourable.

Mind you, this is the engineering report to the council of the board of trade. This is not an official statement that is endorsed by the council, but the council sent their letter with this memo from the engineering committee. I do not want you to think this is a matter of board of trade policy. I must be quite fair and clear on that.

Mr. TURNER: Is the assistant general manager, who signed that letter, a paid employee of the board? He is not a member of the council?

Mr. BARTHOLOMEW: No, no; he just does what he is told.

Article 7 (1):

This article states that "as the downstream benefits credited to Canadian storage decreases with time the storage required to be operated by Canada will be that required to produce those benefits". Under this article the United States could demand that any or all of the remaining credit storage be released at a far greater rate for short periods than Canada can use it for the generation of power. This water would then flow over the spillways and water required later by Canada for generation would be lost.

That is a memorandum which we sent to the council and the council, not being competent to pass an opinion on it, merely sent it to the Hon. Paul Martin; and then we have Mr. Martin's reply.

Mr. TURNER: As the council merely sent the letter without comment—

Mr. LEBOE: Did they?

Mr. BARTHOLOMEW: No, no.

Mr. TURNER: —I would like to reserve the right to file the covering letter and the reply to that letter when we obtain copies.

The CHAIRMAN: I think that is fair.

Mr. HERRIDGE: What does Mr. Turner mean by the covering letter? There was a covering letter which was read.

Mr. BARTHOLOMEW: I have read it; there is nothing more than what I have read.

Mr. HERRIDGE: And you have Mr. Martin's letter there?

Mr. BARTHOLOMEW: I have Mr. Martin's answer.

Mr. HERRIDGE: Mr. Turner is anxious to have it read.

Mr. TURNER: I am anxious to have it filed.

Mr. BARTHOLOMEW: May I comment as I read it?

Mr. HERRIDGE: Just read it and comment afterwards.

Mr. BARTHOLOMEW: Very well. This was forwarded by the Hon. Paul Martin to the Vancouver board of trade on April 8, 1964. I must advise you that I telephoned the secretary of the board of trade this morning to ascertain the time at which the letter was dated because on my copy there is no date. I telephoned Peter Watkinson and he gave me the date of Mr. Martin's letter.