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Officials of the Canadian and United States Governments met on Monday and Tuesday, July 5-6, in Ottawa, to discuss the St. Lawrence Seaway. The meeting was held at the request of the United States Government in a Note dated June 7, 1954, following the passage by Congress of legislation authorizing the United States to participate in the Seaway project by the construction of canals on the United States side of the international section of the St. Lawrence River. The meeting explored in a friendly and constructive manner the more important changes which might have to be made in the existing arrangements for the development of the St. Lawrence Seaway and fixed a tentative agenda of the subjects which may require to be negotiated or decided subsequently by the two governments. It is expected that a meeting for this purpose between representatives of the two governments will be held later this month after both governments have had an opportunity to consider these subjects in the light of the current discussions.

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