

In accordance with the aforementioned treaties and agreements various hydro-electric power installations and navigation channels, including those of the St. Lawrence Seaway, have been constructed. Such projects would be jeopardized by diversions of the kind under consideration in case No. 12 original. Moreover, apart from damage immediately attributable thereto, such a diversion would establish an extremely undesirable precedent with serious implications for Canada.

For the foregoing reasons, and bearing in mind the importance attached by the United States of America and Canada to the honouring of international undertakings in letter and in spirit, I have been instructed to convey the Government of Canada's serious concern at the prospect of any action being taken which would impair the legitimate interests of Canada, including Canada's rights under agreements and undertakings between our two countries relating to the Great Lakes Basin, and would constitute an irritant to good relations between Canada and the United States of America.

Accept, Sir, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

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