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*The Secretary of State of the United States  
to the Canadian Chargé d'Affaires at Washington*

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

WASHINGTON, August 5, 1944.

SIR,

I have your Embassy's note No. 266, of July 21, 1944, with enclosures, in regard to the recommendation of remedial measures for overcoming obstructions to the ascent of the salmon in Hell's Gate Canyon and further investigation and remedial measures for overcoming obstructions to the ascent of the salmon elsewhere in the Fraser River system, which, pursuant to Article III of the Convention between the United States and Canada for the Protection, Preservation and Extension of the Sockeye Salmon Fisheries in the Fraser River system, signed at Washington on May 26, 1930, was made to the American and Canadian Governments on January 11, 1944, by the International Pacific Salmon Fisheries Commission.

As you point out the estimated cost of the works recommended, which was two million dollars, would in accordance with Article III, paragraph 2 of the Convention, be shared equally between the two governments.

The Government of the United States has approved the recommendation of the Commission as set forth in its letter and report of January 11, 1944, and the accompanying documents including the "General Engineering Report Covering Fraser River Fisheries Projects" and the first Deficiency Appropriation Act, 1944, approved April 1, 1944 (Public Law 279, 78th Congress), contained the following appropriation:

"INTERNATIONAL PACIFIC SALMON FISHERIES COMMISSION

Restoration of salmon runs Fraser River system: For the share of the United States of expenses incident to the work of improving facilities for sockeye salmon migration in the Fraser River by the International Pacific Salmon Fisheries Commission, under the convention between the United States and Canada, concluded May 26, 1930, including personal services; travelling expenses; rent; purchase, maintenance, repair, and operation of not to exceed four motor-propelled, passenger-carrying vehicles; purchase of furniture, instruments, and equipment; construction of fishways; removal of obstructions and stream improvement; construction of warehouse for storage of equipment; and such other expenses as the Secretary of State may deem proper, to be expended under his direction, \$1,000,000, to remain available until expended."

The Department observes from paragraph 5 of your note that it is acceptable to the Canadian Government that the regular procedure whereunder expenses properly incurred by the Commission are paid by the Canadian Government, one-half being recoverable later by Canada from the United States, should be followed with respect to expenditures incurred by the Commission for the proposed remedial works. The Government of the United States agrees to this procedure and subject to the limits of the above-quoted appropriation, will