

OTTAWA, January 21, 1964.

Dear General McNaughton:

The long, and sometimes rough, course of the Columbia River negotiations seems to be reaching its end. It is only appropriate that I should now personally send you a folder recording the results.

Believe me, General, I have made every effort to take account of the many very good points that you have made to me over the past several months in our conversations and correspondence. I am satisfied that the settlement which we are now making is the best attainable if the Columbia is to be developed at all. Whatever you may think of the outcome - and I hope that you will regard it as satisfactory - you can be sure that I have valued your advice. As the Government's principal negotiator in these closing stages I have had to take the responsibility of judging what was negotiable and then I have had to bargain as hard as possible to get acceptance of our point of view. Generally, I think we have been successful. All in all, I am satisfied that the agreement which has been reached will be of great benefit to Canada and will fully protect our sovereignty.

Warmest personal regards.

Yours sincerely,

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