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In view of the importance to both Canada and the United States of America of the conservation of the power supply in this area, the Canadian Government proposes that both Governments should agree to permit the maintenance of the level of Lake St. Francis at 152.0 during low water periods, subject to the maintenance of the normal regimen of the Lake for levels above that elevation. The proposed agreement would expire on October 1st, 1942.

If the foregoing is acceptable to your Government, this note and your reply thereto shall be regarded as constituting a special agreement between the two Governments within the meaning of Article 4 of the Boundary Waters Treaty of 1909.

I have the honour to be, etc.,

H. H. WRONG

*for the Minister.*

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*The Secretary of State of the United States of America to the Canadian Minister at Washington*

DEPARTMENT OF STATE,

WASHINGTON,

November 10, 1941.

SIR,—I have the honour to inform you that the Government of the United States concurs in the proposals contained in your note of November 10 regarding the temporary raising of the level of Lake St. Francis during low-water periods. The Government of the United States attaches importance to the understanding that this agreement authorizing the raising of the level of Lake St. Francis is temporary, and that this action shall not be deemed to create any vested or other right calling for or implying an extension of the authority to raise the level of Lake St. Francis beyond October 1, 1942.

Accept, Sir, etc.

*For the Secretary of State:*

A. A. BERLE, JR.