

Canadian Note of June 22, 1959

No. 368

Sir,

I have the honour to refer to your Note of June 12 in reply to my previous Note No. 184 of April 9, concerning legislative proposals to increase the diversion of water from Lake Michigan at Chicago, which are now pending before the United States Congress. Your Note was tabled in the House of Commons on June 17 by the Secretary of State for External Affairs. A copy of the Statement made on this occasion by my Minister is attached.

In reply to the proposal contained in your Note that further consultations be held between representatives of our two Governments, I am instructed by my Government to say that a substantive reply on this matter will soon be made.

A. D. P. Heeney

The Canadian Embassy,
Washington, D.C.,
June 22, 1959.

Canadian Note of Aug. 20, 1959

No. 530

Sir,

I have the honour to refer to my Note No. 184 of April 9, 1959, concerning legislative proposals to increase the diversion of water from Lake Michigan at Chicago.

I am instructed to inform you that the Government of Canada has taken note of the recent legislative developments in the United States concerning this matter. In this connection, I am to advise you that the Government of Canada explicitly reaffirms the position set forth at length in the above-mentioned Note. In the view of my Government any additional diversion of water out of the Great Lakes Watershed would be inconsistent with existing agreements and arrangements which together constitute an agreed regime with respect to these waters. The proposed unilateral derogation from the existing regime therefore occasions serious concern in Canada.

A. D. P. Heeney

The Canadian Embassy,
Washington, D.C.,
August 20, 1959.