

If the Commission finds that any of the existing safety requirements, methods or plans referred to in clauses numbered (1), (2) and (3), respectively are inadequate, the Commission is requested to make recommendations as to what action should be taken to correct any such inadequacy.

Moreover if after preliminary investigation the Commission is of the opinion that certain interim measures are necessary with respect to one or more of the matters being herein referred to it, the Commission is requested to make recommendations concerning any such measures in advance of submitting its main report and recommendations.

The Governments of Canada and the United States are equally concerned about the risk of serious oil pollution in the Great Lakes from other sources, notably major oil spills from marine or industrial mishaps such as those referred to in your letter of April 11, 1968. The discharges of oil from land-based sources and from normal vessel operations is already being studied by the Commission. The threat of major oil pollution as a result of a disaster to a vessel in the Great Lakes involves broader international consideration. This aspect of the overall problem is under study by the two Governments through other appropriate channels.

I am advised that a similar letter is being sent by the Under-Secretary of State of the United States to the Chairman of the United States Section.