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The Department of External Affairs announced today that the Governments of the United States and Canada have agreed to ask the International Joint Commission to conduct an investigation of the St. John River system above Grand Falls, New Brunswick, in order to determine whether the waters of that system may be more beneficially conserved and regulated.

Canada's chief interest in this investigation
lies in the possibility of providing water storage on
the upper reaches of the St. John River system which
would permit the regulation of the flow of the lower
river in the interests of hydroelectric power generation
in the Province of New Brunswick.