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"At 11.00 A.M. of the morning of February 24, 1937, a conference was held in the office of the Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs.

Present: Honourable T.B. McQuesten, K.C., Minister of Highways for Ontario and Member of the Hydro Electric Power Commission of Ontario.

Mr. T. Stewart Lyon, Chairman, the Hydro Electric Power Commission of Ontario.

Mr. A. Murray McCrimmon, Secretary and Controller of the Hydro Electric Power Commission of Ontario.

Dr. O.D. Skelton, Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs.

Mr. J.E. Read, Legal Adviser, Department of External Affairs.

D.W. McLachlan, Department of Transport.

J.T. Johnston, Dominion Water and Power Bureau.

The Ontario representatives presented Ontario's attitude with respect to the Dominion proceeding with negotiations with the United States looking to a Treaty agreement on the St. Lawrence and Niagara.

Ontario desires action at Niagara - if possible 5,000 c.f.s. additional permanent diversion at once (based upon the construction of remedial works to protect scenic values) followed by further diversion later;

Ontario desires also International agreement permitting the utilization of the Ogoki and Long Lake diversion (5,000 c.f.s.) on the St. Mary, Niagara and St. Lawrence rivers;

Ontario would be willing to negotiate an agreement with the Dominion for the utilization of St. Lawrence power, providing that a 10-year period, from the date of signing the Treaty (or preferably from the date of commencing construction work) was allowed for taking its first block of power and making its first payment;

Ontario is not interested in power from the St. Lawrence unless additional power is made available at Niagara;

Ontario is not interested in navigation unless the power situation is taken care of as outlined above;

Ontario is prepared to undertake negotiations with the Dominion at once for the working out of a satisfactory agreement in respect to Ontario's absorption of the St. Lawrence power.

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