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TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 1959.

THE DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT THE INTERNATIONAL JOINT COMMISSION ON OCTOBER 13, 1959 SUBMITTED ITS FINAL REPORT ON THE ST. CROIX RIVER REFERENCE (1955) TO THE GOVERNMENTS OF CANADA AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

ON JUNE 10, 1955, IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE IX OF THE BOUNDARY WATERS TREATY, THE TWO GOVERNMENTS REQUESTED THE COMMISSION TO INVESTIGATE AND REPORT ON WHETHER GREATER USE THAN WAS BEING MADE OF THE WATERS OF THE ST. CROIX BASIN WAS FEASIBLE AND ADVANTAGEOUS.

IN BRIEF, THE COMMISSION MADE THE FOLLOWING RECOMMENDATIONS:

(1) THAT THE COMMISSION BE AUTHORIZED TO DISTRIBUTE ITS REPORT TOGETHER WITH SUPPORTING DATA TO INTERESTED PERSONS.

(2) THAT THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE UNITED STATES AND CANADA CONCUR IN THE FOLLOWING:

(A) ADOPTION BY THE COMMISSION AND ITS INTERNATIONAL ST. CROIX RIVER BOARD OF CONTROL OF 434.94 FT. M.S.L. AND 385.80 FT. M.S.L. AS THE MAXIMUM WATER ELEVATIONS TO BE PERMITTED AT THE DAMS AT FOREST CITY AND VANCEBORO, RESPECTIVELY, ONCE THE COMMISSION HAS DETERMINED THAT THE OWNERS OF SAID DAMS HAVE APPROPRIATE FLOWAGE.