



INTERNATIONAL JOINT COMMISSION  
UNITED STATES AND CANADA  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20440



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Honorable George P. Shultz  
Secretary of State  
Department of State  
Washington, D.C. 20520

Dear Mr. Shultz:

In its initial report of November 14, 1986, the Commission recommended certain measures which could be initiated immediately to improve the ability of Governments to foresee oncoming crises and prepare to deal with them, and outlined actions which have been initiated by the Commission itself. The Commission then went on to enumerate certain measures that are technically feasible, utilizing existing facilities, and which might be implemented immediately to deal with the present crisis. Before setting out the specific list, the Commission pointed out that we have not yet had an opportunity to review and revise the benefit and cost implications of these measures, as was requested in the August 1, 1986 Reference, and went on to say:

"They are being re-examined as a matter of priority but a complete analysis of all these measures will not be available within a year."

The Commission did not intend by this statement to suggest or imply that action by Governments with respect to these measures should be precluded until the full evaluation process is ultimately finalized.

The Commission believes it is our duty, given the extent of the current crisis, and consistent with its responsibility under the Reference, to report to Governments on measures to alleviate the present crisis, and that the measures in the letter warrant the consideration of Governments even in advance of completion of the full evaluation process.

A similar letter is being sent to the Secretary of State for External Affairs by the Secretary of the Canadian Section of the Commission.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "David A. LaRoche". The signature is written in black ink and has a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

David A. LaRoche  
Secretary  
United States Section