



DEPARTMENT OF STATE
WASHINGTON

January 2, 1936.

The International Joint Commission,
United States and Canada,
Washington, D. C.
Ottawa, Canada.

Sirs:

Section 4 of the Act of Congress entitled "An Act Authorizing the construction, repair, and preservation of certain public works on rivers and harbors, and for other purposes", approved August 30, 1935, contains the following provision:

"That the International Joint Commission created by the treaty between the United States and Great Britain relating to boundary waters between the United States and Canada, signed at Washington January 11, 1909, under the provisions of article 9 of said treaty, is requested to investigate the advisability of the improvement of a waterway from Montreal through Lake Champlain to connect with the Hudson River, together with the estimated cost thereof, and to report to the Dominion of Canada and to the Congress of the United States, with its recommendations for cooperation by the United States with the Dominion of Canada in the improvement of said river."

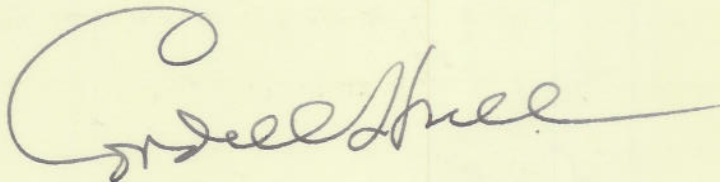
It is understood that the United States Section and the Canadian Section of the International Joint Commission have conferred in regard to the provisions of law quoted

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and that the two Sections concur in the view that the reference should be called to the attention of both Sections of the Commission by the Department of State.

Accordingly, the matter is hereby brought to the attention of the Commission. I request that the Commission treat the question defined by Section 4 of the Act of August 30, 1935, as being referred to the Commission by the United States under Article 9 of the Convention of January 11, 1909, between the United States and Great Britain for investigation, report and recommendations.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Cordell Hull", written in dark ink on the page.