

SECRETARY OF STATE  
WASHINGTON

13th February, 1948.

International Joint Commission,  
United States and Canada,  
Room 5215 Department of Labor Building,  
14th Street and Constitution Avenue,  
WASHINGTON 25, D.C.

Sirs:

On April 1, 1946 and October 3, 1946 the International Joint Commission was requested to conduct investigations into the reported pollution of the St. Clair River, Lake St. Clair, the Detroit River, and the waters of the St. Mary's River from Lake Superior to Lake Huron. Consultations between representatives of the Canadian and United States Governments have indicated that it is desirable to extend the scope of these investigations. Accordingly, the Governments of the United States and Canada have agreed to amend the first paragraph of the letter of reference, dated April 1, 1946, to read as follows:

"I have the honor to advise you that the Governments of the United States and Canada have been informed that the waters of the St. Clair River, Lake St. Clair, the Detroit River, and the waters of the St. Mary's River from Lake Superior to Lake Huron, are being polluted by sewage and industrial wastes emptied into these waters; and also that the continued dredging operations on Strawberry Island in the Niagara River may result in polluting the waters of the Niagara River in such a way as to endanger the health of citizens of Niagara Falls, New York, and other residents in that area."

Yours very truly,

(Sgd.) G. C. MARSHALL."