

## THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

## CANADA

Ottawa, March 10, 1955.

Dear General McNaughton:

I refer to your letter of February 23, 1955 on the subject of the formulation of a revised Method of Regulation under the Order of Approval of October 29, 1952. On behalf of the Commission, you request advice as to whether the proposed series of actions outlined in paragraphs numbered (1) to (4) of your letter is considered a satisfactory procedure. I am happy to inform you that the procedure outlined in these paragraphs is considered satisfactory by the Government of Canada.

In doing so I would point out, however, that if the timetable suggested in your letter is not met, serious difficulties will be encountered by the St. Lawrence River Joint Board of Engineers in respect to the approval of plans, specifications and programmes of construction for the channel enlargements involved in the power works of the International Rapids Section of the river. The reason for this, amongst others, is that the Canadian programme of construction of channel enlargements contemplates that contracts for much of that work will be let during the early part of the construction season of 1955.

The second point that causes some concern is the fact that the minimum water surface profile in the International Rapids Section to which the controlling navigation channel depth of 27 feet must be related, will be directly affected by the range within which the levels of Lake Ontario are to be maintained under the final method of control which will be adopted upon the recommendation of the International Joint Commission.

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cc: Chairman  
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Mr Dansereau  
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In order to avoid delays in the construction schedules, it will be obvious to you that not only should the Commission's programme be adhered to but that, after March 15, 1955, the Canadian Section of the St. Lawrence River Joint Board of Engineers must proceed on the basis that the Commission's tentative conclusions as to the range of stage for Lake Ontario are firm as to the minimum limit of that range. This is essential if the Board of Engineers is to be enabled to relate plans, specifications and programmes to a minimum water surface profile in sufficient time to take advantage of the present construction season.

Yours very sincerely,

(signed) L. B. Pearson