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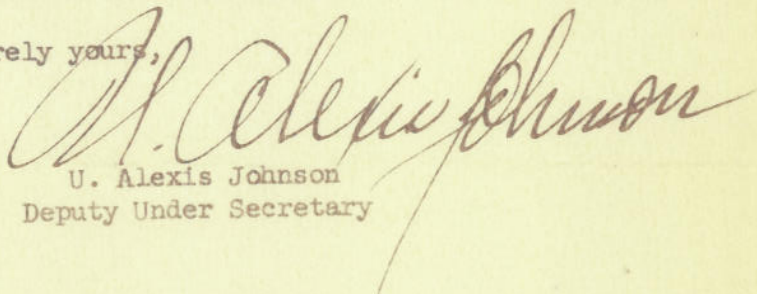
Sirs:

I have received the enclosed letter from Mr. James A. FitzPatrick, Chairman, Power Authority of the State of New York, dated April 8, 1963, requesting that the Government of the United States transmit to the International Joint Commission the Power Authority's application for the Commission's approval, pursuant to Article III of the Boundary Waters Treaty of 1909, of the removal of a shoal located in the Niagara River upstream from the American Falls and entirely on the United States side of the international boundary.

During the semi-annual meeting of the International Joint Commission on April 2-5, 1963, representatives of the Power Authority of the State of New York requested that the Commission consider its forthcoming application as quickly as possible. The spokesmen for the Power Authority stated that if the shoal is to be removed in 1963 the placement of the coffer dam which is needed for removal of the shoal must commence no later than the latter part of May.

The Government of the United States requests the International Joint Commission to deal with this application as expeditiously as possible in accordance with Article III of the Boundary Waters Treaty of 1909, and the applicable rules of procedure of the International Joint Commission.

Sincerely yours,



U. Alexis Johnson  
Deputy Under Secretary

Enclosures:

From Mr. J. A. FitzPatrick,  
April 8, 1963, with enclosures,  
(two copies).

The International Joint Commission,  
United States and Canada,  
Washington, D. C., U.S.A.,  
and Ottawa, Ontario, Canada.