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Dear Mr. Chance,

On behalf of the Secretary of State for External Affairs, I am pleased to inform you that the Governments of the U.S.A. and of Canada have agreed to request the International Joint Commission, pursuant to Article IX of the Boundary Waters Treaty of 1909, to investigate and report upon measures necessary to preserve or enhance the beauty of the American Falls at Niagara. The Commission is specifically requested to investigate and recommend:

- (1) what measures are feasible and desirable
  - (a) to effect the removal of the talus which has collected at the base of the American Falls; and
  - (b) to retard or prevent future erosion;
- (2) other measures which may be desirable or necessary to preserve or enhance the beauty of the American Falls;
- (3) the allocation, as between the United States and Canada, of the work and costs of construction.

At the same time, the Commission is asked to bear in mind the obligations of Canada and the United States contained in the Niagara Treaty of 1950 and the mutual interest of the two countries in refraining from measures which might preserve or enhance one of the Falls to the detriment of the other.

For the purpose of assisting the Commission in its investigation and otherwise in the performance of its duties under this reference, the two governments will upon request make available to the Commission the services of engineers and other specially qualified personnel of their governmental agencies and such information

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and technical data as may have been acquired or as may be acquired by them during the course of the investigation. The Commission is requested to submit its report to the two governments as soon as may be practicable.

Yours sincerely,



Under-Secretary