

Office of
The Under Secretary of State
for External Affairs



Cabinet du *new file*
Sous-Secrétaire d'Etat
aux Affaires extérieures 86-1-1:4

Ottawa, October 1, 1970.

Dear Mr. Chance,

The Governments of Canada and the United States have agreed pursuant to Article IX of the Boundary Waters Treaty of 1909 to request that the International Joint Commission extend its investigation of measures necessary to preserve or enhance the beauty of the American Falls at Niagara which it has been conducting pursuant to the Reference of the two governments dated March 31, 1967 to the following questions:

- (1) Are the immediate areas of the American Falls and of the Goat Island Flank of the Horseshoe Falls endangered by the possibility of erosion and other geological conditions.
- (2) If so, what measures are feasible and desirable to protect these areas in order to eliminate any hazard to persons or property or to the scenic beauty in the region.

At the same time the Commission is asked to determine the specific costs involved in the carrying out of the work and construction under this extension to the 1967 Reference and to include these costs in the costs that it will be allocating to the United States under the terms of the 1967 Reference as extended by this Reference.

The Governments will continue to make available to the Commission the services of individuals to serve on the existing American Falls International Board for purposes of this additional inquiry, as set forth in the Reference dated March 31, 1967.

The Commission is requested to submit its report to the two Governments as soon as may be practicable.

The Department of State will be sending a request in similar terms to the United States section of the Commission.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive, appearing to be 'J. R. ...'.

Under-Secretary.

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