



DEPARTMENT OF STATE

WASHINGTON

October 16, 1912.

To the

International Joint Commission  
of the United States and Canada.



Gentlemen:

I have the honor to inform you that, at the joint request of the Government of the United States and of the Government of the Dominion of Canada, under the provisions of Article IX of the Treaty of January 11, 1909, between the United States and Great Britain, the questions or matters of difference set forth below, which have arisen between them involving the rights, obligations, or interests of each in relation to the other, or to the inhabitants of the other, along their common frontier between the United States and the Dominion of Canada, are hereby referred to the International Joint Commission for examination and report upon the facts and circumstances of the particular questions and matters referred, together with such conclusions and recommendations as may be appropriate.

The questions so referred are as follows:

1. Under all the circumstances and conditions surrounding the navigation and other uses of the Livingstone and other channels in the Detroit River on either side of the International boundary, is the erection of any dike or other compensatory work deemed necessary or desirable for the improvement or safety of navigation at or in the vicinity of Bois Blanc Island in connection with rock excavation and dredging in

Livingstone Channel authorized by the River and Harbor Act of June 25, 1910 (36 Stats. 655), and Described in House Document 676, Sixty-first Congress, Second Session, Sundry Civil Act of June 25, 1910 (36 Stats. 729), Sundry Civil Act of March 4, 1911 (36 Stats. 1405) of the United States, and now being carried out by the Government of the United States?

2. If in answer to Question 1 any dike or other compensatory works are found to be necessary or desirable, will the work or works proposed by the United States and provided for in the River and Harbor Act of June 25, 1910 (36 Stats. 655) and located so as to connect the north end of Bois Blanc Island to the south-east end of the existing coffer dam on the east side of Livingstone Channel, opposite and below Stoney Island, be sufficient for the purpose; and if not what additional or other dikes or compensatory works should be constructed and where should they be located in order to serve most advantageously the interests involved on both sides of the international boundary?

I have the honor to add that the Government of the United States will be glad to assist the Commission in obtaining any information which it may desire in the course of its investigation of the matters herein referred for its examination and report.

I have the honor to be, Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

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Acting Secretary of State.

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