



October 28, 2003

The Honourable William Graham, P.C., Q.C., M.P.  
Minister of Foreign Affairs  
Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade  
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Dear Minister Graham:

I refer to my letter of June 17, 2003, concerning a request which the International Joint Commission (IJC) has received from the Canadian Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fisheries Commission (CCRITFC), with respect to the IJC's Order of Approval of December 15, 1941, in the matter of the application of the Government of the United States for approval of the construction and operation of the Grand Coulee dam and reservoir. I now attach a copy of a further letter dated September 26, 2003 which the IJC has received from Mr. Fred Fortier, Chairperson of the CCRITFC concerning this issue.

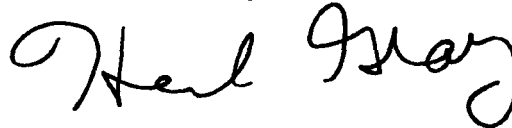
In my letter of June 17, I stated that the International Joint Commission would welcome any views that the Canadian Government may wish to express concerning this matter and, particularly with respect to the status of the CCRITFC and the Aboriginal communities, which are referred to in its request, and their authority to represent aggrieved First Nations and Aboriginal Peoples in Canada.

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I have not yet received a reply to my letter of June 17, and I would like to reiterate that the International Joint Commission would welcome any views that the Canadian Government may have with respect to this matter which could assist the IJC in addressing the CCRITFC's request.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Herb Gray". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping "H" and "G".

The Rt. Hon. Herb Gray, P.C., C.C., Q.C.  
Chair, Canadian Section

Attachment

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