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Dear Ms. Bourget and Dr. Clamen:

We are writing in response to your letter of September 10, 2004, concerning the Canadian Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fisheries Commission issues related to the 1941 Order of Approval for Grand Coulee Dam. In your letter, you asked if the Columbia Board could provide facts or information related to this matter. We are pleased to advise you that the Board has a number of documents on hand that may help in your investigation. These are listed for your review following our signatures. As the Commission proceeds in dealing with this matter, please advise if we can be of further assistance.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Cynthia Barton
Member, United States Section

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Member, Canadian Section

International Columbia River Board of Control (ICRBOC)
Inventory of Records Pertinent to Canadian Columbia River Inter-Tribal Commission Request to IJC

Order of Approval

- Order of Approval dated 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.

Annual Reports

- First Annual Report for CY 1943 from the ICRBOC to the IJC through the Sixty-Second Annual Report for CY2003 from the ICRBOC to the IJC, and related report transmittal memoranda.

Special Reports

- Supplemental Joint Report on Water Elevations, Columbia River in the Vicinity of the International Boundary, for the Period August 1, 1941, to December 31, 1951, F.M. Veatch and W.C. Warren, ICRBOC, January 2, 1952.
- Joint Report on Water Elevations, Columbia River in the Vicinity of the International Boundary, F.M. Veatch and C.E. Webb, ICRBOC, August 1, 1941.
- Interim Report from the ICRBOC to the IJC for January-September 1984.

Grand Coulee Hearings

- Transcripts for all three Grand Coulee hearings (Spokane on February 28 and September 6, 1941, and Trail on September 3, 1941). As we understand your Ottawa office may have been missing one, we have forwarded a photocopy to Mr. McAuley under separate cover to complete your records.

Columbia River Treaty

- Columbia River Treaty between the United States and Canada dated January 17, 1961.
- Hydrometeorological Supporting Facilities, September 1975, report by Hydrometeorological Committee.

Columbia River Treaty Permanent Engineering Board (CRTPEB)

- Annual reports dated September 30, 1978; September 30, 1979; September 30, 1980; September 30, 1981; and September 30, 1985.
- Letter dated July 10, 1951 from the CRTPEB to the IJC concerning the possibility of the United States assuming the cost of fish protection devices in the proposed flood control works in the Okanagan River in Canada (with attachment, Interim Report on Okanagan Flood Control Project, Okanagan River, British Columbia, by J. T. Barnaby, October 1950, Seattle, Washington).

Miscellaneous Reports

- A paper written in 1996 by Nigel Banks entitled "*The Columbia Basin and the Columbia River Treaty: Canadian Perspectives in the 1990s.*" In section 2.1.4.1 of this document, Mr. Banks discusses at length the matter of the Grand Coulee hearings and fish. See http://www.lclark.edu/cgi-bin/verify.pl?script=/home/d/water/cwis/ieeves_v.pl&file=Banks9504.pdf under the site <http://www.lclark.edu/dept/water/>.
- A draft paper on Grand Coulee dam written for the World Commission on Dams titled "*WCD Case Study: Grand Coulee Dam and the Columbia Basin Project USA*". It contains views on the First Nations impacts caused by the raising of Grand Coulee. You will find this document on the following Internet site: <http://www.dams.org/docs/kbase/studies/csusmain.pdf>; see section 3.8.

Miscellaneous Correspondence

- October 13, 1960 letter to USGS from USBR dated October 13, 1960 explaining use of flashboards at Grand Coulee Dam to provide additional control of Lake Roosevelt between elevations 1288 and 1290.
- April 17, 1991 email to G.G. Parker, Jr., Member, ICRBOC, from Raymond R. Smith, Chief, USGS Spokane Field Office, subject: Colville Tribe/Columbia Concerns, relating to an article that appeared in the April 14, 1991, edition of the Spokesman Review pertaining to the Colville Confederated Tribe's concern with the discharge of dioxin and furans from the Celgar Pulp Co. mill in Castlegar, B.C., and the discharge of slag from the Cominco Ltd. Smelter in Trail, B.C. into the Columbia River just north of the U.S.-Canada border.
- January 22, 1991, letter from BC Environment, Environmental Protection, Kootenay Region, transmitting slag leaching information, in response to a January 22, 1991, request for information from G.G. Parker, Jr., Member, ICRBOC.