



International Joint Commission United States and Canada

June 17, 2003

The Honorable Colin Powell
Secretary of State
U.S. Department of State
Washington, D.C. 20520

Dear Secretary Powell:

The International Joint Commission has received the attached letter of April 25, 2003, from Mr. Fred Fortier, Chairperson of the Canadian Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fisheries Commission (CCRIFC), with respect to the International Joint Commission'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. Copies of the International Joint Commission's reply to Mr. Fortier and of the Commission's Order of Approval are also attached. This information has also been provided by the Canadian Secretary of the Commission to the Canadian Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade. We have also asked DFAIT its views on the matter, and in particular with respect to the status of the CCRIFC and the Aboriginal communities in Canada.

Sincerely,

James G. Chandler
Acting Secretary
U.S. Section

Attachments

cc: The Honourable William Graham, Canadian Minister of Foreign Affairs
Mr. Fred Fortier, Chairperson, Canadian Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fisheries Commission
Ms. Nancy Mason, Director, Office of Canadian Affairs, U.S. Department of State
Mr. Murray Clamen, Secretary, Canadian Section, International Joint Commission