



June 21, 2005

Mr. Bruce Levy
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Dear Mr. Levy:

On May 31, 2005, Chair Gray wrote to Minister Pettigrew about the Canadian Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fishery Commission's (CCRIFC) request that the International Joint Commission take further action pursuant to its 1941 Order of Approval for Grand Coulee Dam. Enclosed please find a copy of the May 5, 2005 letter from CCRIFC to the IJC which is referenced in Chair Gray's letter and which discusses the Commission's jurisdiction to consider the CCRIFC request. In light of the significant legal issues involved in this matter, the Commission would appreciate the Department of Foreign Affairs' detailed comments on the matter raised by CCRIFC.

A similar letter is being sent to the U.S. Department of State by the Secretary of the U.S. Section of the Commission.

Yours sincerely,

Murray Clamen
Secretary
Canadian Section

Enclosure