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The Right Honourable Herb Gray, P.C., C.C., Q.C.  
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Honourable Dennis L. Schornack  
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Dear Messrs Gray and Schornack:

On behalf of the Honourable Ralph Klein, Premier, the Honourable Halvar C. Jonson, Minister of International and Intergovernmental Relations, and myself, I want to inform you that Alberta fully supports the 1921 Order of the International Joint Commission (IJC) respecting the St. Mary/Milk Rivers. We will continue to implement our obligations and the existing apportionment, as we have done responsibly for all these years.

I understand that public meetings into the Order are planned for July 2004. We will work closely with all parties as the IJC prepares for and undertakes these meetings. Based on our experience with water management in Southern Alberta, we request a formal place on the agenda at each public meeting.

In order for us to prepare for these meetings, we request that the IJC provide us with a copy of any information that is to be presented at the meetings or that may in any way be used by the IJC in developing their positions and decisions at least two weeks before any public meeting.

I will forward detailed comments to the IJC on Montana's justification report when available. In the meantime, I would be pleased to provide any additional information you may require.

Lorne Taylor, Ph.D.  
 Minister of Environment

cc: Honourable Ralph Klein  
 Premier

Honourable, Shirley McClellan  
 Deputy Premier and Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Development

Honourable Halvar C. Jonson  
 Minister of International and Intergovernmental Relations