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To the Secretary of
The International Joint Commission,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir :--

George B. Myrum of this city, is deeply interested in the preservation of the levels of Moose Lake, New Found Lake, Sucker Lake, Burch Lake, Basswood Lake all which lie in the northerly part of Minnesota and the latter lake constituting a part of the boundary waters between the United States and Canada. He now is and for a number of years been operating an extensive summer resort at the South end of Moose Lake and has invested a very considerable amount of money in buildings, equipment, and otherwise, and established a very desirable patronage. There are also other resorts on these lakes which are affected by and interested in the maintenance of the water levels in these lakes.

At the junction of Sucker, Birch, and Basswood lakes, there is a Dam called Prairie Portage Dam which was constructed many years ago and has maintained the levels in the three lakes first mentioned and preventing their waters from flowing out in too large quantities and lowering their levels.

The dam in question has not been kept in repair and during the latter part of this summer a part of the dam has given away or been dis-
turned so that the waters from the said southerly lakes are now running out and lowering their levels at a very serious rate and imperiling their beauty and use.

Our state authorities have been appealed to and also Ray Harmon, the Superintendent of the Superior National Forest, whose office is in the Federal Building, at Duluth. He and the state authorities are of the opinion that the dam should be repaired and maintained at its original level but they are in doubt as to their authority to repair the dam because it involves international waters at the point where the dam is situated.

Permission to make necessary repairs is desired and as repairs are imperative, will you please furnish that permission or authority, and if it does not lie within your authority to do so, will you please indicate where an application should be made for that purpose.

All the parties interested agree that the repair of the dam should be made before the lakes freeze up in order to preserve the waters for next year, otherwise the lakes in question will be ruined.

We thank you in advance for an early reply

Yours truly,

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