In reply refer to
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International Joint Commission -
United States and Canada,
Room 5215, Department of Labor Building,
14th Street and Constitution Avenue,
Washington 25, D.C.

Sirs:

In accordance with Article IX of the Boundary Waters
Treaty of January 11, 1909, the Governments of Canada and the
United States have agreed to refer to the International Joint
Commission the following matters for joint examination and
advisory report, including recommendations and conclusions:

1. To investigate and report on the water requirements
arising out of the existing dams and other works or projects
located in the waters which are of common interest along,
across, or in the vicinity of the international boundary from
the Continental Divide on the west up to and as far as the
western limit of the St. Mary River drainage basin on the east.

2. To report whether in the judgment of the Commission
further uses of these waters within their respective boundar-
ies by Canada and the United States would be practicable in the
public interest from the points of view of the two Governments.

3. Having regard to the reports made under paragraphs 1
and 2, to make advisory recommendations concerning the apportion-
ment which should be made between Canada and the United
States of such of the waters under reference as cross the inter-
national boundary.

4. To conduct necessary investigations and to prepare a
comprehensive plan or plans of mutual advantage to the two
countries for the conservation, control, and utilization of the
waters under reference in accordance with the recommended
apportionment thereof.

In the conduct of its investigations, and otherwise in the
performance
performance of its duties under this Reference, the International Joint Commission may utilize the services of engineers and other specially qualified personnel of technical agencies of Canada and the United States, and will, so far as possible, make use of information and technical data which has been acquired by such technical agencies or which may become available during the course of the investigation, thus avoiding duplication of effort and unnecessary expense.

Very truly yours,

(s) G. C. MARSHALL