

In reply refer to
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September 28, 1950

International Joint Commission,
United States and Canada,
Room 2300, Federal Security Building, N,
3rd Street and Independence Street, S.W.,
Washington 25, D.C.

Sirs:

1. In order to determine whether waters of the Saint John River system could be more beneficially conserved and regulated, the Governments of the United States and Canada have agreed to refer the matter to the International Joint Commission for investigation and report pursuant to Article IX of the Treaty concerning Boundary Waters between the United States and Canada, signed January 11, 1909.

2. It is desired that the Commission shall determine and recommend, in its judgment, what projects for the conservation and regulation of the waters in the Saint John River system above Grand Falls, New Brunswick, would be practical in the public interest.

3. In making its recommendations, the Commission should indicate how the interests on either side of the boundary would be benefited or adversely affected thereby, and should estimate the costs of such works or projects, including remedial works that may be found to be necessary as well as indemnification for damage to public and private property, and should indicate how these costs should be apportioned between the two Governments.

4. In the conduct of its investigation and otherwise in the performance of its duties under this reference, the Commission may utilize the services of engineers and other specially qualified personnel of the technical agencies of Canada and the United States and will so far as possible make use of information and technical data heretofore acquired or which may become available during the course of the investigation, thus avoiding duplication of efforts and unnecessary expense.

Very truly yours,

JAMES E. WEBB

Acting Secretary of State