



DEPARTMENT OF STATE
WASHINGTON

April 1, 1953

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

Subject: St. Lawrence Project

I submit herewith for your information a copy of a letter addressed to me by Mr. L.B. Pearson, Canadian Minister for External Affairs, and delivered to me by Ambassador Wrong.

The letter outlines the reasons why Canada considers the development of the power potential of the St. Lawrence "a matter of prime importance and urgency". If you have a moment to spare, I think you will find this brief statement of the Canadian position worth reading. I am sure that St. Laurent will raise the point with you when he is here May 7th and 8th.

I have verbally informed Ambassador Wrong that we are hopeful of getting an early decision from the Federal Power Commission, and are prepared to ask for legislation if such decision is not forthcoming.



John Foster Dulles

Enclosure:

Copy of Mr. Pearson's letter.