January 13, 1953

The Honorable George D. Aiken
United States Senate
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear George:

I expect to talk to you about this, but just in case I don't get a chance, I am enclosing a copy of a letter I have addressed to Senator Wiley on the subject of the St. Lawrence Bill. I believe the letter is self-explanatory. I hope that you can join with me in sponsoring this amendment. Our friend, Ralph Sucher, originally brought the possibility of such an amendment to my attention.

In regard to your note to me about the inapplicability of last year's bill because of Canada's action in voiding the 1940 Agreement, we could meet that situation by referring to the 1940 Agreement and adding: "or any agreement of identical terms, with the exception of Article 7, Article 8, etc., hereafter effectuated." Thus we could provide for the theoretical contingency of the 1940 Agreement being revived and make our proposal legislatively tenable.

As my last letter indicated, the purpose of introducing this resolution would be just for the record, to emphasize our fundamental preference for the dual purpose project. Sucher told us that the terms of the St. Lawrence Protocol signed by the United States and Canada last summer provide that if the 1940 Agreement should be voided, a new agreement of identical terms could be revived, if it should appear that Congress was willing to approve at a feasible but subsequent time the dual purpose project.

I would appreciate your advising me, by phone or otherwise, your reaction to these suggestions.

With kind personal regards.

Very sincerely yours,

Enclosure