The Trustees of the Authority at a special meeting today sent the following telegram to Governor Harriman on the permanent solution of the Niagara power problem:

"At a special meeting of the Authority today, our position is this:- As far as the loss of the Schoellkopf Plant is concerned, we believe that the only sound method of replacing the power is by additional power units at the proposed Authority plant at Lewiston, where there will be 100 feet of additional head. While Ontario Hydro can temporarily supply the power lost to Niagara Mohawk, there is no permanent solution except by Federal Power Commission License to the State Power Authority to proceed to construct the project. Therefore prompt action by Congress is the only possible hope of early restoration of power at Niagara. As to the Lehman Bill, which has passed the Senate and is pending in the House, in spite of possible conflict with our State law and difficulties of financing, the Authority believes it can work under it and will, in the event of its passage in its present form, make every effort to do so. We think, however, that an amendment to the preference clause adding the words 'within economic transmission distance' would help materially. We further believe that
if it is necessary to omit the preference clause in order to pass the Bill, this should be done and the Federal Power Commission should then be directed by legislation to consider such preferences at a public hearing. We profoundly believe that the important thing is to get a bill mandating the Authority to do this work without delay and to avoid a stalemate which would throw the whole subject back into politics and confusion and create an impasse on our side of the Niagara border."

Robert Moses
Chairman