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On May 28, 1938 the Secretary of State addressed a note to the then Canadian Minister in Washington transmitting an informal and tentative draft of a proposed general treaty dealing with the utilization of the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence Basin. On December 26, 1939 Mr. Loring Christie, the Canadian Minister in Washington, transmitted a proposal to the Secretary of State that a meeting be held in Ottawa between members of the public services of the two countries for informal discussions to clarify a number of questions of detail preliminary to a consideration of the broader questions of policy involved. This invitation has been accepted and the following officials will leave Washington on Saturday, January 6, to take part in the suggested discussions:

The Honorable  
Adolf A. Berle,  
Assistant Secretary of State;

The Honorable  
Leland Olds,  
Chairman, Federal Power Commission;

Mr. John D. Hickerson,  
Assistant Chief, European Division,  
Department of State.

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