[July 9, 1932]

The President
The White House Washington D.C.

To The Power Authority of the State of New York,

advise me of the status of its negotiations with the

State Department in the matter of effecting an

agreement between the Federal Administration

and the State of New York in connection with

the improvement of the navigation and power

products of the Lawrence River.

According to this report after conferences

between the State Department and the Power

Authority, over a period of two months, the

Secretary of State has refined the

source data for final determination

The question of failure to agree

upon which has prevented complete

account of the improvement of the

waterway by the State of New York. Agreement

on this is, as I know you well understand,

a vital necessity.

In view of this therefore, I believe that

you and I should each promptly adjust

this matter in a personal conference,

and that it can be adjusted by business-like

methods.
With full agreement internal. 

the federal administration and the state up. 

New York it will be possible to enact and shape favorable 

a treaty to the states for immediate action 
as soon as signed.

May I respectfully point out that 

ought action greatly be at least 6 months 

the initiation of the east river 

an which means cheap transportation for 

the agricultural and other products of the 

west; cheap electricity 

from the 

state owned and controlled resources of the 

state to be developed for the primary use 

of interest of farms, farms and industries 

and of immediate importance, employment 

for thousands of workers.

Can we not 

cut red tape, eliminate obstacles 

and work together to ensure early action 

on the great public works? It can already 

be seen no longer delayed.

If I had myself ready to go to 

Washington in 48 hours notice at your 

convenience. Upon that time I will be on
a cruise between New York and Hope had to be missed, but will be in port each night. The boat to Albany will be forwarded from New York.

Franklin D. Roosevelt
Governor of New York
It is a vital necessity for the national interest that this great project which involves two objectives of equal importance — cannot be accomplished without the vigorous interest of the President. The construction of the dam and the manipulation of the power and the development of the hydroelectric power as well as in the distribution of the power is not only a matter of potential power but also through each large industrial area available at millions of dollars at reasonable cost. That is why the determination of the scale of the construction to be undertaken by this State, is important which should not be neglected.

The negotiations with the neighbours of the United States and the Province of Ontario, and the Dominion of Canada and the Province of Ontario, the United States and the State of New York. In Canada the Province of Canada and the Province of Ontario have directly concerned themselves in this very subject.
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I am that you agree with me that prompt and speedy settlement of this only question remaining unsettled is a matter of vital necessity.

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It is my belief that this personal conference between us could be promptly solved.
In international matters affecting the joint rights and interests of the United States government and one or more of its sovereign States, in order to avoid conflict in the conduct of Federal and State governments as a dual-time president, the conclusion of negotiations with a foreign nation.

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TELEGRAM

November 14, 1932.

The President,
The White House,
Washington, D. C.

I appreciate your telegram and I am glad to cooperate with you in every way that is practicable and subject to the limitations of my present duties as Governor of New York.

I shall be delighted to confer with you in Washington as you suggest. I have been confined to the house with a slight cold and am, therefore, not able to suggest a definite date, but I will call you on the telephone as soon as I can definitely fix my departure for the South.

In the meantime, to the end that I may familiarize myself with details of the foreign debt situation, would you be good enough to ask the Secretary of the Treasury to send me the details of the original loans, all subsequent adjustments and all payments of principal and interest, and also the Secretary of State to send me such diplomatic correspondence as is pertinent to a full understanding, especially since the Moratorium of 1931.

A careful study of this will permit me, when I see you, to talk matters over with a full knowledge of the facts and background. I recognize, of course, that on this subject
action rests immediately upon the present Congress, which meets for its last Session on December fifth.

It would seem best that you and I should have an informal talk. I had already arranged to meet a number of the Democratic leaders of the present Congress a few days later and I can at that time give them the benefit of any observations that I may have after discussing the subject with you.

FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT
November 17, 1932.

THE PRESIDENT
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON, D. C.

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ON WEDNESDAY
A CONFERENCE WITH SENATE AND HOUSE LEADERS AT WHITE HOUSE
AFTER YOU AND I HAVE TALKED ON TUESDAY AFTERNOON

MALBY will come with me in Tuesday.

FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT

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