June 29, 1959

Dear John:

It was a great pleasure for Mrs. Eisenhower and myself to join Her Majesty, The Queen, and Prince Philip, and you and Mrs. Diefenbaker on the auspicious occasion of the official opening of the St. Lawrence Seaway. I know that you share my gratification at the completion of a project that cannot fail to have an enormous potential for the future prosperity of our two countries.

I am writing a note to Mr. Roberts, and I hope you will be good enough to express to the other members of your government who were in great part responsible for the excellent arrangements of the ceremony my deep personal appreciation.

I must add that it was characteristically kind of you and Mrs. Diefenbaker to accompany us on the helicopter (though I apologize for the noisy ride) in order that you could see us off at St. Huberts.

I hope that I shall see you again in the not too distant future. Meanwhile, my warm thanks for your many courtesies, and my personal regard.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

The Right Honorable
John G. Diefenbaker
Prime Minister of Canada
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