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May 12th., 1991.

Your Excellency,

Guided by the traditional spirit of cooperation and consultation between the riparian countries concerning projects related to the Nile waters, the Republic of Uganda, and the Arab Republic of Egypt, at a meeting held in Cairo on 21 April 1991 between the Minister of Public Works and Water Resources of the Arab Republic of Egypt and the Minister of Energy of the Republic of Uganda, agreed that the Owen Falls extension project can go forward, subject to and taking into consideration the following:

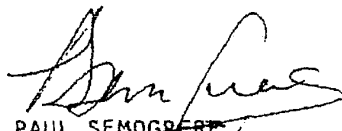
1. The pattern of the out-flow from lake Victoria shall be in accordance with the present operating policy of the agreed curve. This will take into account the full 90 years hydrological regime.
2. With the extension of Owen Falls Power project, Uganda will respect the hitherto operational storage reserve policy "as much as full 3 metres range" which was agreed upon at the time of the construction of the Owen Falls Dam (1953).
3. In order to enable Uganda to benefit from the available water storage and increased flow in the Nile, Lake Victoria could be regulated whenever needed by Uganda, on the understanding that such regulation policies should be discussed and reviewed by the two parties, within safe limits not adversely affecting the water needs of downstream countries.

4. The average discharge in the period 1900 - 1990 as determined by Uganda's consultants was about 800 m³/sec. Uganda's decision to design the Owen Falls extension with a discharge of 1200 m³/ sec is based on expected sustainable high natural discharge values experienced since 1960. However, the discharge utilised for power should be consistent with the natural flow mentioned in para (1) and (3).

I have the pleasure to inform Your Excellency that this letter and your reply to it, shall constitute an agreement - confined to the extension of the Owen Falls Hydro-Power project between our two Governments.

It is our understanding that on receipt of this letter Your Excellency will write to the World Bank waiving your reservation in connection with the above project.

Please accept, Your Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.



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