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Mr. Neil Young, M.P.,
House of Commons,
Ottawa, Ontario,
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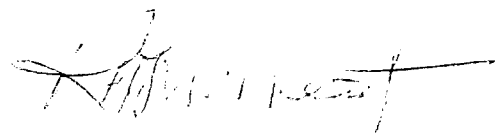
Dear Mr. Young:

In his absence from Ottawa, Mr. Olson has asked me to respond to your letter of November 9 expressing your concern for the occurrence of dioxin in the Niagara River and Lake Ontario.

The matter was raised publicly, as you requested, at the Commission's annual Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement meeting in Cleveland in November, and I believe it was made clear that prompt, effective action is necessary to bring the problem under control. In addition, the Commission will be reporting directly to Governments in the near future on progress being made under the 1978 Agreement, at which time the Commission will stress further the urgency of toxic substances control programs. The Commission's report will, of course, be distributed publicly as well.

The Commission shares your concern, and, I am sure, will continue to urge Governments to take effective action to meet the commitments of the Agreement.

Yours sincerely,



R.H. Millest,
Assistant to the Chairman.