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Dear OM:

This will acknowledge, with thanks, your submission of the material and request for consideration of the Saimaa Canal for separate country status on our Countries List.

Your very thorough documentation is very much appreciated as otherwise it is doubtful whether we would have been able to arrive at any concensus at all.

While the concensus of the committee is that the Saimma Canal itself cannot be considered as separate. (the concensus here is that since the canal starts in Finland, the portion which runs through Russian territory is simply an extension of Finland) we can, however, agree that the island of Malyj Vystoskij can be considered as separate under point 3 of the criteria.

By terms of the agreement with Russia the island is leased to Finland and therefore it is considered to be Finnish territory. Since Malyj Vystoskij is the only island mentioned, and it is specifically mentioned, the islands which lie between Malyj Vystoskij and Finland are Russian territory. Enclosed is a page from QST which gives the criteria and the portion under which Malyj Vystoskij can be considered as separate is underlined.

At such time as operation takes place from Malyj Vystoskij we will make an official announcement of its addition to our Countries List. If you will advise us at the time such operation will take place we will quite likely be able to give the expected operation W1AW Bulletin coverage.

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