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Tom:

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at Department of Defense  
concerning this and he said  
there were no new develop-  
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*(I.O.)*

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Doug

Wesley, Tom

Give this to  
Tom - - tell  
him I'll  
explain.

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Nancy,

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I see no reason  
to get back to  
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ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE  
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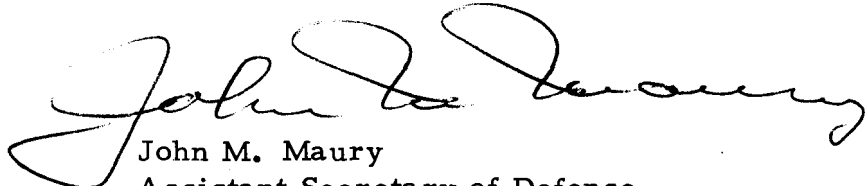
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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. DOUGLAS P. BENNETT

SUBJECT: Representative Richard L. Ottinger, Inquiry 

I have asked the Army to provide to me information for a response to Congressman Ottinger's inquiry, in behalf of Congressman Joe Evins, regarding certain capabilities of the Corps of Engineers. The attached paper addresses that portion of Mr. Evins letter which you had asterisked. This paper is in consonance with information which General Kelly will provide Mr. Ottinger.

Please let me know if I may be of further assistance.

  
John M. Maury  
Assistant Secretary of Defense



INFORMATION PAPER

SUBJECT: Flood Control for Mamaroneck and Sheldrake Rivers

PURPOSE: To provide information on the status of a flood control project on the Mamaroneck and Sheldrake Rivers

FACTS:

1. In 1968 a survey report was prepared recommending flood control improvements along the Mamaroneck and Sheldrake Rivers. In the review process the Board of Engineers for Rivers and Harbors returned the report for restudy and reconsideration of debris dam aspects. During the restudy the project was found not to be economically feasible. Hence the report has never been resubmitted for review. In June 1972 Hurricane Agnes caused record damages in the Westchester County area. In view of these damages a project at Mamaroneck may now be justified, but before any action can be taken a study must be made to support any recommendations. The limited funds available since Hurricane Agnes have been applied to completing the Ardsley and Elmsford interim reports.
2. The duration of Mamaroneck and Sheldrake Rivers study would be approximately 30 months and is scheduled for initiation in fiscal year 1976. Subject to the usual constraints our capability for funding above the budget amount for this portion of the Westchester County streams study is \$21,000 either in fiscal year 1976 or the transition quarter and would advance the Mamaroneck and Sheldrake Rivers study by 3 months. Three months is considered the maximum reduction in time we can make on this study.
3. If the study indicates that construction of a flood control project is feasible, advanced engineering and design would be initiated subject to authorization and funding by Congress. Based on previous experience it will take approximately 6 years after completion of the study before any projects could be ready for construction -- in this case a construction start in FY 1985. If the normal dormancy periods between authorization and funding were eliminated, the start time for construction could be reduced by two years.



4. The timetable for the Mamaroneck and Sheldrake Rivers is independent of other studies to be made in the Westchester County streams study. It will take a minimum of 27 months to complete the study if done either separately or under the current authority.

5. The timetable for initiating action on a critical portion of the Mamaroneck and Sheldrake Rivers could be advanced by means of an interim report. However, based on present knowledge of the area such action is not considered necessary as investigation of the entire area will not slow progress on the investigation of the lower end of the Mamaroneck River.



**Ofc Mil Asst to Pres - NOTED**

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

March 17, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: JOHN MAURY  
Congressional Relations  
Department of Defense

FROM: DOUGLAS P. BENNETT ~~EEB~~

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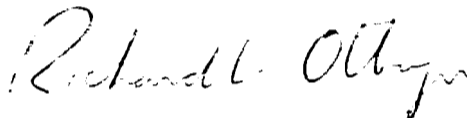
March 11, 1975

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Sincerely,



Richard L. Ottinger  
Member of Congress

RLO/djt


cc: Hon. Joe L. Evins



February 21, 1975

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 As a result of the hurricane floods of August and October of 1955 Congress authorized the Corps to undertake the Westchester County Stream Survey. At that time the Corps was instructed to review six specific streams and rivers. In 1968 final survey reports were presented on these rivers. The material stated in part that, "... in all but the Mamaroneck and Sheldrake Rivers basin, the cost of improvements has been found to be in excess of the benefit that would be derived from construction of such improvements. Today, seven years later, this project is still far from execution. Why has the Corps been unable to proceed on this project? If more funds are required how much money could be effectively utilized? What is the earliest possible date that this project can be moved to the construction stage? Would the timetable be improved if the Mamaroneck and Sheldrake Rivers basin project was removed from the Westchester County Stream Survey and pursued under a separate authorization? Can immediate action be taken on the most critical aspect of this problem, which is the lower end of the Mamaroneck River?

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At the present time all of the flood control studies relating to the Saw Mill River have at least reached the Office of the Chief Engineer. Is the construction of these various flood control projects contingent on appropriations for the Westchester County Stream Survey? What is the earliest date they can be implemented? How long will it take to complete them? Would the implementation of these projects be accelerated if they were removed from the aegis of the Westchester County Stream Survey to a different method of authorization, such as Section 201 of the Small Flood Control Act of 1965? How would such action effect the timetable for the study of the Hutchison and Bronx Rivers? What is required, independent of separate action by Congress on the Saw Mill River, to bring these two rivers under immediate study?

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Washington, D.C.

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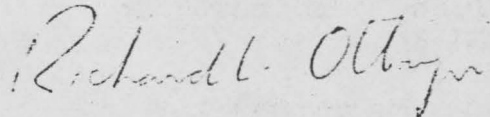
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The President today directed the Secretary of the Army to defer for sixty days implementation of Phase II of the Corps of Engineers Section 404 program regulating dredge and fill operations in the waters of the Nation.

Phase II, which was scheduled to become effective today, would expand the Corps' permit activities to certain new areas. However, the House of Representatives has recently passed a bill that would deny the Corps jurisdiction over these areas. In addition, thirty Senators have written to the President requesting a delay in the implementation of Phase II until the Senate has a chance to act on the House passed bill. We are advised that the Senate Public Works Committee has scheduled hearings starting on July 27.

The President took this action today

- to give the Congress additional time to consider the Section 404 program, and
- to avoid the possibility that those being regulated under the program would be subject to rules which changed three times over a relatively short period.

That portion of the Corps regulations which requires that action be taken to alleviate serious pollution threats anywhere in the Nation's waters will remain in effect.

*Hugh Downs*

*Harsh - In route to Ohio - Over to Cindy Bant*

*Al Downs - In Ala - Over to Gen. Melstief (AA)*



*Posted in Press office - July 2 -*



EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20503

July 8, 1976

FILE

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

SUBJECT: Transmission of Upstream Watershed Work Plans  
to the Congress

Attached for your signature are two sets of letters, one to the President of the Senate and one to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, transmitting work plans for the seventeen watershed projects described on the attached list. These plans were prepared under the authority of P.L. 83-566, as amended, (68 Stat. 666) and forwarded by the Department of Agriculture to the Office of Management and Budget for transmission to Congress.

Under the law, any such work plan having a Federal contribution to construction in excess of \$250 thousand, and having a single structure with a total capacity in excess of 2500 acre-feet shall be transmitted by the Secretary through the President to the Congress for its approval prior to construction authorization by the Department. Executive Order 10654 delegates to you the authority for such transmission. In addition, the law provides that when a project has a single structure with a capacity in excess of 4000 acre-feet, it shall require a resolution of approval by the Committee on Public Works of both the Senate and the House of Representatives. Similarly, a project having a storage capacity of less than 4000 acre-feet requires a resolution of approval by the Agricultural Committee of both Houses. The attached list identifies the Committee in which each project will be considered.

The total cost of the projects is approximately \$79 million, of which approximately \$42 million will be provided by the Federal Government under cost-share arrangements authorized by P.L. 83-566. Landowners have agreed to speed the installation of the land treatment measures in the watersheds.



All costs relating to municipal and industrial water supply in structures which provide such storage, will be borne by local interests. Loans to help the locals finance their portion of the costs are available through the Farmers Home Administration. The non-Federal share of the costs allocated to flood prevention is largely in the form of land, easements, and rights-of-way. In the cases where those reservoirs are designed to include storage for recreation, 50 percent cost-sharing by the Federal Government is available. Much of the land treatment work in areas covered by P.L. 566 projects is eligible for cost-share assistance under the Agricultural Conservation Program.

With respect to Environmental Impact Statements required by Section 102 of the Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (P.L. 91-190), the Council on Environmental Quality and other interested agencies, both Federal and State, have routinely been given an opportunity to comment on the statements prior to their final preparation. These comments, and the Department's response thereto, were incorporated in the final Impact Statements and made a part of the work plans prior to their submission to OMB. There are no significant unresolved issues, environmental or otherwise, in any of these plans.

The attached list indicates the cost of each project, total acres in the watershed, the State and congressional district in which it is located, the Congressmen and Senators and the committees of Congress concerned. The benefit-cost ratio, based upon a 6 1/8 percent interest rate, current normalized prices, and the 1974 price base, is also shown for each project. Under the law, each project is required to have a b/c ratio at least greater than unity. Also attached for each project is a summary of the plan which includes a significant amount of information relating to sponsors, project purposes, project benefits, etc. Because of the voluminous nature of the Work Plans themselves, they are being held in the branch office and will be made available upon request. Upon notification from your office we will forward the plans to the mailroom for attachment to their respective letters.

The Division recommends that you sign the attached letters.



The "Principles and Standards for Planning Water and Related Land Resources," established pursuant to Section 103 of the Water Resources Planning Act (P.L. 89-80), were approved by the President and became effective October 25, 1973. The "phasing-in" period for these new guidelines was to be completed by June 30, 1976 under the provisions of implementation approved by the Water Resources Council, the Federal Agency responsible for the administration of the Act.

You will note that during the final stage of this period, (July 1, 1975-June 30, 1976) an unusually large number of plans (approximately 65) have been reviewed at OMB and transmitted to the Congress. This is because under the implementation procedures, all plans which were "in review" process on June 30, 1975 were required to be transmitted to OMB prior to June 30, 1976. In addition, there are about 20 plans still in this office which will be ready for transmission very soon.

Because of that heavy volume, however, the number of projects expected to be completed by SCS and forwarded to OMB between now and June 30, 1977 will be a mere trickle (approximately 15) compared to the last 12 months.

*Franklin Warner*  
F. Franklin Warner  
Agriculture Branch  
Energy and Food Division

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Attachments



Watershed	Size (Acres in K's)	State	Cong. Dist.	1/ Congressman	1/ Senators	2/ Committees Concerned	Project Costs (\$ in K's)			3/ B.C. Ratio
							Federal	Local	Total	
Bayou Grosse Tete	137.0	La.	8th	Long (D)	Long (D)					
Beaver Creek	118.8	Ohio	5th	Latta (R)	Johnston (D)	A	2,075	5,277	7,352	4.7:1
Boulder River	223.6	Mont.	1st	Baucus (D)	Glenn (D)	A	1,374	2,782	4,156	1.3:1
Bush River	98.8	Va.	5th	Daniel (D)	Mansfield (D)	P	4,059	5,498	9,557	1.4:1
Cedar Run	65.5	Va.	7th	Robinson (R)	Metcalf (D)	P	3,023	3,640	6,663	1.6:1
Choctaw Bayou	110.0	La.	8th	Long (D)	Byrd (I)	P	2,780	2,120	4,900	1.7:1
Cypress Creek	135.4	Ala.	5th	Jones (D)	Scott (R)	P	1,542	4,067	5,609	5.2:1
Deer Creek	44.0	Miss.	2nd	Bowen (D)	Sparkman (D)	P	7,760	1,828	9,588	1.3:1
Diamond Brook	1.3	Mass.	10th	Heckler (R)	Allen (D)	A	1,734	1,423	3,157	2.1:1
Great Creek	29.8	Va.	5th	Daniel (D)	Baker (R)	A	803	212	1,015	1.5:1
Honolua	24.8	Hawaii	2nd	Mink (D)	Brock (R)	P	1,280	360	1,640	1.2:1
McKinney-Buzzard Creek	16.0	Okla.	3rd	Albert (D)	Eastland (D)	A	4,894	1,689	6,583	1.3:1
Middle Walnut	188.9	Kansas	5th	Skubitz (R)	Stennis (D)	P	463	476	939	1.2:1
Mill Brook	3.0	N.Y.	32nd	Hanley (D)	Kennedy (D)	A	2,987	4,661	7,648	1.1:1
					Brooke (R)	A	1,291	397	1,688	1.3:1
					Byrd (I)					
					Scott (R)					
					Fong (R)					
					Inouye (D)					
					Bellmon (R)					
					Bartlett (R)					
					Pearson (R)					
					Dole (R)					
					Javits (R)					
					Buckley (C-R)					



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							<u>Federal</u>	<u>Local</u>	<u>Total</u>	
Three Mile and Sulphur Draw	95.4	Texas	16th	White (D)	Tower (R)					
Sedgwick-Sand Draws	66.7	Nebr.	3rd	Smith (R)	Bentsen (D)	A	1,058	235	1,293	2.0:1
		Colorado	4th	Johnson (R)	Hruska (R)					
Wailuku-Alenaio	167.0	Hawaii	2nd	Mink (D)	Curtis (R)					
					Haskell (D)	A	3,150	1,166	4,316	1.3:1
					Hart (D)					
					Fong (R)					
					Inouye (D)	A	1,642	1,379	3,021	2.3:1

1/ Underscoring - indicates expression of interest of which this Division is aware.

2/ PW - Public Works; A - Agriculture

3/ Without secondary benefits





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TO: Bob W.

FROM: Max L. Friedersdorf

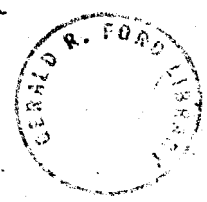
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For your information \_\_\_\_\_

Other give to Chas.  
& Kendall ASAP to  
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Bill + Charlie would  
you proceed as per Max's  
above instructions. RKW





EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT  
OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20503

July 29, 1976

NOTE TO: MAX FRIEDERSDORF  
FROM: ALAN M. KRANOWITZ *Alan -*  
RE: Watershed Projects

OMB is ready to submit another package of 12 watershed projects to the Congress.

Attached is a list with the relevant information.

I am personally holding the package and will not release it until I have heard from you that you have completed whatever notifications you would like to make, but OMB would like to be able to drop it in the mail by c.o.b. tomorrow, July 30.

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Espanola-Rio Chama	27.5	N. Mex.	1st	Lujan (R)	Montoya (D) Domenici (R)	A	10,248	698	10,946	1.2:1
Flint Creek	65.0	N.Y.	33rd 39th	Walsh (R) Hastings (R)	Javits (R) Buckley (C-R)	A	1,700	647	2,347	1.0:1
Goose Creek	40.8	Wash.	5th	Foley (D)	Magnuson (D) Jackson (D)	P	2,052	1,900	3,952	1.8:1
Hall-Flat Creek	43.1	Ind.	8th	Hayes (D)	Hartke (D) Bayh (D)	A	2,171	741	2,912	1.5:1
Johnson Bayou	81.7	La.	8th	Long (D)	Long (D) Johnston (D)	A	2,447	4,349	6,796	2.5:1
Little River	63.4	Io.	5th	Harkin (D)	Clark (D) Culver (D)	P	2,097	1,873	3,970	1.4:1
Long Branch	47.0	Neb.	1st	Thone (R)	Hruska (R) Curtis (R)	A	2,048	854	2,902	1.9:1
Mill Branch	21.3	Ga.	8th	Stuckey (D)	Talmadge (D) Nunn (D)	A	780	621	1,401	2.2:1
Pine River	159.2	Wisc.	3rd	Baldus (D)	Proxmire (D) Nelson (D)	P	10,001	6,935	16,935	1.1:1
Short Creek	81.3	Ohio	18th	Hays (D)	Taft (R) Glenn (D)	P	4,464	2,897	7,361	1.3:1
Twentyfive Mile Stream	93.0	Maine	1st 2nd	Emery (R) Cohen (R)	Muskie (D) Hathaway (D)	P	1,122	493	1,615	1.7:1

1/ PW - Public Works; A - Agriculture

2/ Without secondary benefits



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August 24, 1976

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THE WHITE HOUSE

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In recent years, the condition of Locks and Dam 26 has deteriorated significantly because turbulence and under-seepage have disturbed and eroded the sand surrounding the piles on which the structure rests. As a result, the dam and locks are now of a condition which the Army Corps of Engineers considers inadequate for safe, extended, reliable project life.

In 1969 the Secretary of the Army approved replacement of the structure with a new dam and two 1200-foot locks. This proposed project would more than double existing capacity. Upon suit by environmental groups and railroads, a Federal District Court has halted progress on the project on the grounds that specific authorizing legislation is necessary and that a new environmental impact statement should be prepared.

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- o a comprehensive study to be conducted by the Army and the Department of Transportation of bulk commodity transportation in the upper midwest over the next 50 years;
- o acquisition and development of wildlife habitat and park lands to mitigate environmental effects of the proposed construction.

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The proposed replacement of Locks and Dam 26 would:

- ° cost an estimated \$391 million;
- ° be completed in eight to ten years;
- ° provide for an increase of 13 million tons annually over the 73 million ton capacity of the existing structure;
- ° not result in any interruption in barge traffic during construction;
- ° provide for additional expansion of capacity, but only upon a subsequent Congressional authorization.

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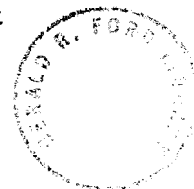
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GERALD R. FORD

THE WHITE HOUSE

August 24, 1976



These are members who have expressed interest.

REPRESENTATIVES

Leonor K. Sullivan - Missouri (D-3)  
 James W. Symington - Missouri (D-2)  
 Bill Burlison - Missouri (D-10)  
 Michael T. Bloutin - Iowa (D-2)  
 Joe Evins - Tennessee - (D-4)  
 Charles Grassley - Iowa (R-3)  
 Neal Smith - Iowa (D-4)  
 Tom Railsback - Illinois (R-19)  
 \* Paul Findley - Illinois (R-20)  
 Melvin Price - Illinois (D-23)  
 Paul Simon - Illinois (D-24)  
 William L. Hungate - Missouri D-9  
 Edward Mexvinsky - Iowa D-1  
 Alvin Baldus - Wisconsin D-3  
 Albert Quie - Minnesota (R-1)  
 Tom Hagedorn - Minnesota (R-2)  
 Bill Frenzel - Minnesota (R-3)

SENATORS

Dick Clark - Iowa (D)  
 John Culver - Iowa (D)  
 Walter Mondale - Minnesota (D)  
 Hulbert H. Humphrey - Minnesota (D)  
 William Proxmire - Wisconsin (D)  
 Gaylord Nelson - Wisconsin (D)  
 Pete V. Domenici - New Mexico (D)  
 Mike Gravel - Alaska (D)  
 Birch Bayh - Indiana (D)  
 Charles Percy - Illinois (R)  
 Adlai E. Stevenson III - Illinois (D)  
 Stuart Symington - Missouri (D)  
 Thomas F. Eagleton (D)  
 Sen. Milton Young (R) - North Dakota (ATTN: Bill Wright)

\* Bob Wiper (225-5271) called Mr. Mitchell 4:05.  
 Has not had opportunity to return the  
 call.



Tuesday, August 24

calls to Members re Locks and Dam 26

*Begin calls*

*8/24 6:30*

*Wm*

Sullivan	52671	Miss Irene Peterson A.A.	6:30 8/24
Symington	52561	David Selden	6:35 - 8/24
Burlison	54404	<sup>Ms.</sup> Mickey Prosser	6:40 8/24
Blouin	52911	Roger Woods	6:45 8/24
Evins	54231	6:50 no answer - 8/24	
Grassley	53301	Rep. Grassley himself -	6:55 8/24

*Mary*

Smith, Neal	54426		
Railsback	55905		
Findley	55271		
Price	55661		
Simon	55201		
Hungate	52956		

*Paul*

Mezvinsky	56576		
Baldus	55506		
Quie	52271		
Hagedorn	52472		
Frenzel	52871		
Madigan	52371		



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*King*

Smith, Neal	6:40	54426	- Patti Bleumer
Railsback	6:45	55905	- Cong. + Pat
Findley	7:15	55271	- Cong.
Price	7:00	55661	- Eric King
Simon	7:00	55201	- Cong.
Hungate	7:10	52956	Christy Cline

*Just*

Mezvinsky		56576	
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*Cong.*

*Quay Page*

*Cong.*

*Cong.*

*Pat Cuelland*

*Don Duran*



*UWA*

*Nancy*

*Janet*

August 31, 1976

Dear Dennis:

Thanks for your note of August 24 regarding Locks and Dam 26. As you know, this matter has now been resolved.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Charles Leppert, Jr.  
Deputy Assistant  
to the President

Mr. Dennis J. Taylor  
Legislative Counsel  
Office of the Minority Leader  
U. S. House of Representatives  
Washington, D. C. 20515

CL/jm



THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

Janet:

No Acknowledgment  
per Max's note.

Chris



AUG 30 1976

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

Date: 8.30.76

TO: Class. 1.

FROM: Max L. Friedersdorf

For Your Information \_\_\_\_\_

Please Handle \_\_\_\_\_ ✓

Please See Me \_\_\_\_\_

Comments, Please \_\_\_\_\_

Other Pls. ack. Tell

him matter has  
been resolved.





THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

Date 8.27-76

TO: MAX FRIEDENSDORF

FROM: CHARLES LEPPERT

Please Handle \_\_\_\_\_

For Your Information \_\_\_\_\_ ✓

Per Our Conversation \_\_\_\_\_

Other:

TIME & EVENTS

HAVE OVERTAKEN BOTH  
ITEMS IN RHODES LETTER.

SHOULD WE DO ANYTHING ON  
DENNIS' NOTE? CHARLIE



**Office of the Minority Leader**  
**United States House of Representatives**  
**Washington, D.C. 20515**

August 24, 1976

**AUG 26 1976**

Mr. Charles Leppert, Jr.  
Deputy Assistant to the President  
for Legislative Affairs  
The White House  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Charlie:

The attached correspondence is self-explanatory. The Minority Leader would appreciate your having it referred to the appropriate staff in both the substantive and political areas.

Sincerely,



Dennis J. Taylor  
Legislative Counsel

DJT/jp



JOHN J. RHODES  
1ST DISTRICT, ARIZONA

WASHINGTON OFFICE:  
2310 RAYBURN HOUSE OFFICE BUILDING  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20515

ALMA A. ALKIRE  
RICHARD ROBERTS

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ROBERT J. SCANLAN

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August 24, 1976

H-232, THE CAPITOL  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20515

JOHN J. WILLIAMS  
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CLARA POSEY

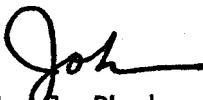
Mr. Fredric H. Corrigan  
Peavey Company  
Peavey Building  
730 Second Avenue South  
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55402

Dear Fritz:

I appreciated your recent letter and was sorry I was not in town when you called. In any event, I appreciated your remarks on Locks and Dam 26. You raised an interesting point, and I have taken the liberty of transmitting your letter to appropriate White House personnel in both the substantive and political areas.

As I am sure you guessed, things were very busy in Kansas City. I am encouraged that the party held together fairly well and prospects look good for a strong, unified campaign this Fall.

Sincerely,

  
John J. Rhodes, M. C.  
Minority Leader

JJR/tp



# Peavey

**Peavey Company**  
Peavey Building  
730 Second Avenue South  
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55402

**Fredric H. Corrigan**  
Chairman of the Board  
Executive Officer

1976 AUG 18 AM 10:00

August 16, 1976

Honorable John J. Rhodes  
U.S. House of Representatives  
2310 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear John:

I called your office today to ask for help on a couple of matters, knowing full well you would be in Kansas City and up to your ears trying to maintain sanity in the Grand Old Party. Mr. Feltham was away and Miss Alkire directed my call to the Minority Office and I am now waiting to talk to Joe McCauley who was out of the office.

The first item was to explain that I was sending you a copy of my letter to President Ford urging his veto of the anti-trust bill because of the titles on parens patriae. The authority granted under this section would put business in a jungle in my opinion and the number of suits and indiscriminate charges bordering on blackmail would be mind boggling.

The second point is our old friend, Locks and Dam 26 about which I wrote you earlier. As you know, Senator Mondale introduced a bill, the terms of which may not be the complete answer to this important problem, but at least it gets the matter out on the table. Information received today indicates the Public Works Committee does not intend to include Locks and Dam 26 in the present Omnibus Bill. Worse than that, the blame is being placed on the Administration for not coming out with the proposal to do something. If it fails to be included this year, I am told the delay will be at least three years for further consideration. The Public Works Committee has publicly stated that no Administration position is the reason for laying it over.

Is there anything you can do to rectify this neglect of probably the most important North/South transportation link in Central North America.



The Honorable John J. Rhodes

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August 16, 1976

I hate to bother you with things like this. Hope you and Betty are not so busy at the Convention that you don't have a chance to see some of your old Kansas City friends.

Sincerely,

*Fritz Corrigan*  
Fredric H. Corrigan

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Enclosure



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Fredric H. Corrigan  
Chairman of the Board  
Chief Executive Officer

August 16, 1976

The President  
The White House  
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear President Ford:

It has come to my attention that new antitrust legislation now ready for Executive action contains provisions for parens patriae authority which, in my opinion, is extremely dangerous. I respectfully urge your veto of this legislation.

I am not taking issue, although I could, with this entire piece of legislation, but I fear the rash of suits and forced settlements that might result from the parens patriae section.

Sincerely,

  
Fredric H. Corrigan

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cc: Philip W. Buchen, Counsel to the President  
John O. Marsh, Jr., Counsellor to the President  
John J. Rhodes, Minority Leader, U.S. House of Representatives  
Hugh Scott, Minority Leader, U.S. Senate

