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of responsible local interests to provide a flood control plan for the Skagit River Valley that the County Commissioners can recommend. By letter dated 15 February 1967, we have been asked to give a presentation to this committee on 2 March. This committee can recommend methods for implementing flood control projects such as the formation of a county-wide Flood Control District for project sponsorship. We believe that this committee is also interested in irrigation, drainage and other aspects of water resource planning that may be related to flood control.

2. In our Puget Sound Comprehensive Study, we are in the process of developing a local interest advisory group through which we can coordinate efforts on basin plan formulation. We believe that coordination of flood control and basin plan formulation in Skagit County will be accomplished through the same committee. Because of this latter requirement, the initial presentation to the committee should be a joint effort involving both the State of Washington and the Corps. The Corps has a dual responsibility in that it represents Federal agencies on the Task Force through its Co-Chairman and also has a major interest in its authorized projects in the Skagit River basin, which are awaiting fulfillment of local cooperation.

3. We are recommending, subject to your approval, that both State of Washington and Federal interests be represented at this meeting and that you represent Federal interests. Accordingly, the attached outline of your proposed presentation to the committee, contains background information on both Federal and State of Washington interests in water resources for the Skagit River basin. Advisory

4. Copies of correspondence relating to formation of the Skagit Water Resources, Committee are attached. We have scheduled, with Miss Chase, a meeting on 21 February at 1100 hours to discuss the speech outline with you.

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