September 18, 1969

Colonel R. E. McConnell  
District Engineer, Seattle  
1519 Alaskan Way South  
Seattle, Washington 98134

Dear Colonel McConnell:

Your Mr. Steinborn's letter of July 30, 1969 has been received in regard to the reaffirmation of assurances of local cooperation for the Avon Bypass Project. The Board of Skagit County Commissioners recognize the requirements of local cooperation for the Avon Bypass Project.

The fifteen (15) member Water Resources Advisory Committee of Skagit County, in their recommendation to the Skagit County Commissioners, have included a comprehensive flood control plan. Included in this plan is d. Phase III - Avon Bypass, which reads as follows:

"The Avon Bypass Project will be examined to determine its contribution to overall plan for flood control. In this examination, due consideration will be given to both the downstream levee improvements previously described and to the effect of future upstream storage. The Avon Bypass Project, if deemed essential, would be designed in such a way as to hold the local contributions to a minimum."

Phase I and Phase II have not yet been completed. Nearly eighteen (18) years have transpired since the last major flood. The public interest in flood control is complete apathy.
We would like to see this Avon Bypass Project stay in the active file until such time as Phase I, II and III of the Comprehensive Flood Control Plan are completed. The public's attitude may change completely if our flood experience is changed in the near future.

Sincerely yours,

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS,
SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON.

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