Shaggit County Board of Commissioners
Room 102, Shaggit County Courthouse
Mount Vernon, Washington 98273

Gentlemen:

Reference is made to your letter of 6 April 1971 notifying our office of
the establishment of a county-wide flood control district, which would enable you to assume responsibility for sponsorship of the levees and
channel improvement project on the lower Shaggit River, authorized under
the Flood Control Act of 1966. We are prepared to seek approval of any
higher authority for early funding of design studies leading to construc-
tion of the levees and channel improvement project. However, before
proceeding we wish to inform you of Section 221 of Public Law 91-611 and
Public Law 91-646, recently enacted, which bear on the project.

Additional requirements of sponsorships stipulated in these laws, copies
of which are included, go beyond those previously made known to you as
part of our survey studies.

Section 221, Public Law 91-611. This statute requires that the Corps of
Engineers maintain a continuing inventory of agreements and the status
of their performance as they pertain to flood control projects requiring
performance by locals under the sponsoring agreement. It further defines
measures to ensure that adequate maintenance is accomplished.

Public Law 91-646. This statute, which is referred to as the "Uniform
Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of
1970," relates to the additional right-of-way acquisition costs that you
could incur in providing relocation assistance to persons that may be
displaced by the project. Your attention is called to Sections 202 and
203 of the Act which discuss the extent of responsibility required of
a sponsor. We will expect actual relocation or displacement of persons
in the case of the levees and channel improvement project to be limited
as only improvements to existing levees are generally planned.

Please review the enclosed statutes and if you have questions, please
feel free to contact Mr. Frank J. Grabeck of this office (252-2700,
extension 644).
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We would like to initiate action to our higher authority in response to your letter of 6 April 1971 as soon as possible. Accordingly, if your views toward sponsorship are affected by the new laws, please inform this office by 15 July 1971.

Sincerely yours,

H. W. Munson
Lt. Colonel, Corps of Engineers
Acting District Engineer

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