Telephone conversation between Pete Denny and Deb Olson, 23 December 1977:
Re: Skagit River Levee

Olson: Just to clarify it, now what I would really need is the estimated federal construction cost of the levees that you guys are talking about in the vicinity of Sedro Woolley. I don't care about the land easement rights-of-way and relocations; in other words, any non-Federal costs. All I need is an estimate of what additional Federal costs we are talking about over and above that cost of the authorized levee systems downstream. OK, I just wasn't sure we were communicating and it was a little loose. Just wanted to be sure.

Denny: You must have gotten my Memo for Record on it then.

Olson: No, I haven't seen nothing from you.

Denny: OK, I wrote a Memo for Record on our discussion and I sent you a copy of it (think I did). Anyway, I am glad you clarified that because I am sure that I had the idea you wanted to split between the Federal cost and the non-Federal cost.

Olson: It is nice to have, but actually for the purpose now - here is the way this thing is going to read:

"The authorization for flood protection on the Skagit River, Washington, contained in Section 203 of the Flood Control Act of 1966, Public Law 89-789, 80 Stat. 1422, is hereby modified to include levee and channel improvements in the vicinity of Sedro Woolley authorized in Section 5 of the Flood Control Act of 1936, Public Law 738-74th Congress, at an estimated additional Federal construction cost of $6,000,000."
Get the point? See, we are modifying the lower levee project by the additional Federal construction cost of the Sedro Woolley levee and channel improvements. So that is what I really need.

**Denny:** OK, I will get back to Skrinde on it. Hogan is gone again today.

I did talk to Hogan and Skrinde a little bit about this and was trying you to get Skrinde going on it. Hogan was going to call you back and talk to you some more about it and apparently he never did.

**Olson:** Maybe the fact that we have talked today will obviate Hogan calling me because I think it is quite clear what we need now, and there is precedent for this but all I need is - the SOP on the thing is to give Congress how much additional Federal costs you are asking them to put into this project. So that is the only figure I need really.

**Denny:** I will pass this on. Are you working on a congressional now?

**Olson:** I am not working on a congressional. What I want to do is get this language just typed up so that probably Seattle District can get it in the hands of what’s his name - Sam Spina. When Sam was here we talked a little about this Skagit River thing - exactly what we are talking about - and I told him that we would have some drafting service worked up for him and get it in his hands. Maybe Seattle District would be the best avenue for that, but I want to get the language ground out first. Incidentally, the language that Hogan sent down said recreation is also modified to provide recreation as a project function. I think I told you that that is not necessary because it is already authorized.

The Federal participation in recreation is already authorized.

**Denny:** Believe you referred to Public Law

(House document that contains the Chief’s and Board’s report) which clearly provides that participation.
in recreation is authorized, so we don't have to worry about that. I do not want to gobb this language up with any more recreation anyway.

Denny: If it is clear that we already have that authority — no need in

Olson: There is no question about it and if there is any question about it, put the question on paper and we will get it in the records properly, but I don't know why there should be any question.

Denny: Good.

Olson: There is just this one figure and of course it doesn't have to be a figure that Engineering Design Branch is going to work on for months, an off-the-cuff figure, for authorization purposes. Just as reasonably close as you can get it, of course, without a lot (we don't want a $10,000 job or anything to get a figure).

Benny: We understand that. I think that there was an estimate made on at one time some years ago that may be just a matter of cost indexing that up or maybe we can simply take a million dollars a mile and go from there.

Olson: OK, you guys use your own judgment, but let me have the figure and I will get this typed up and get it back in your hands.