



ENGINEER'S OFFICE

# SKAGIT COUNTY

STATE OF WASHINGTON

MOUNT VERNON

May 3, 1960

U. S. Army Engineers  
Seattle District  
Corps of Engineers  
1519 South Alaskan Way  
Seattle 4, Washington

Re: Legislative Council Meeting

Att: Mr. R. P. Young, Colonel,  
Corps of Engineers

Dear Sir:

Enclosed you will find an invitation to the Legislative Council Meeting to be held in Mount Vernon on Saturday, May 7th. I am sure that you have received one of these invitations previously.

In order to clear up some questions in the minds of the people interested in flood control in Skagit County, I would like to ask you or your representative at this meeting, to publicly answer some of the following questions:

1. The probable date of the resurvey of the Skagit River.
2. The time required for such proposed restudy.
3. Would you suggest some ways of determining the lines of responsibility that you have previously proposed.
4. Would there be any advantage in our diking districts consolidating for possible Corps of Army Engineer projects.
5. Is it possible to secure Corps of Engineers help on salt water dikes, emergency or construction.
6. What flood relief, if any, will be afforded the Skagit Valley by the construction of the Baker River Dam.

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7. Why is it so hard to get an acceptable cost benefit ratio for diking protection of the Skagit River, when in 1936 Congress approved the Avon Bypass and supported dike systems. Please refer to paragraphs 68, 91 and 92 of the 1952 copy of "Report on Survey for Flood Control of Skagit River and Tributaries", Copy No. 43. Your report suggests a design of 250,000 C.F.S. at Mount Vernon. We fail to reconcile these statements with our record of eleven floods from 1896 to 1960 and with a flood volume of 100,000 C.F.S. to 195,000 C.F.S.

We would like to ask you some, if not all of these questions publicly to bring some enlightenment on your work in this area. Should you wish to discuss any of these questions prior to the meeting, I will be glad to re-phrase or drop any of the questions you desire. I am available most of the time at the County Engineers Office at Mount Vernon.

Very truly yours,

FRANK GILKEY,  
County Road Engineer

By Lloyd H. Johnson  
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Encl: Invitation to Legislative  
Council Meeting

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