


St Paul, June 8, 1955

Mr I G Pool:

Herewith for your information is copy of Public Notice dated May 20th, 1955, issued by the Corps of Engineers, U S Army, office of Division Engineer, Portland, Oregon, concerning primarily the proposal in connection with flood control, the construction of the "Avon Cutoff" on the Skagit River, extending from just west of our Bridge 36, north of Mount Vernon, to Padilla Bay north and west of Whitney, on the Anacortes Line.

 You will note from the report that the Army Engineers find that the benefits to be derived by the provisions of the local flood protection work are insufficient to justify the construction of such work by the Federal Government at this time.

Also attached for your information is copy of plat prepared by U S Army Engineers in connection with their 1936 report on the proposed Avon Cutoff.

Please refer to your file 79-33, Part 2, on Washington flood control matters, for this department's report on the public hearing held at Mount Vernon on March 2nd, 1937, when this same project received unfavorable consideration largely because of the inability of the local people to raise the \$1,832,000 required on their part to carry out the project.

Yours truly

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Memo - Copy noted to Messrs. Budd, Finley and Matthias on 6-13-55.