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Mr. Lowell R. Hughes, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners
Skagit County
Mount Vernon, Washington

Dear Mr. Hughes:

It has come to my attention through Mr. F. M. Veatch, District Engineer, U. S. Geological Survey, that Skagit County is contemplating withdrawing its supporting funds for the cooperative U. S. Geological Survey stream-gaging station, Skagit River near Concrete.

This office is presently preparing a report for flood control on Skagit River. The gage near Concrete is a key station in measuring the quantity of water from the upper Skagit River. Any satisfactory investigation of flood control necessarily requires the use of accurate, continuous long-time records of stream flow at this station. These records will be required for as long as floods threaten to inundate the rich farm lands of the lower Skagit Valley. The annual cost for collecting these records is small compared to the immeasurable value gained in providing well-designed and well-planned flood-control works.

Your continued financial support of this station is urged so that an unbroken record may be obtained in the collection of basic data for our cooperative venture of relieving floods in the lower Skagit Basin.

Sincerely yours,



L. H. HEWITT
Colonel, Corps of Engineers
District Engineer

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Mr. F. M. Veatch