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Seattle District Office
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Dear Sir:

This letter is in regard to your letter of June 30, 1965, announcing the completion of the Corps' flood control study on the Skagit River Basin.

Our Department has worked with Skagit County in its comprehensive planning program through the provision of urban planning assistance grants. The inventory and the planning stages have been completed and a third or implementation stage has been submitted for a grant.

The report of your recently completed study would be of vital interest to the Skagit County Planning Commission as they are now preparing their comprehensive plan for adoption in the near future. We note that their recently completed plan report makes recommendations on restricting residential development in certain lowland areas of the county, notably, Fir Island (the area between the two forks of the Skagit River).

While they have touched on flood problems, to date their recommendations to restrict residential development in these areas have been based primarily on high-water tables and septic-tank problems. The information indicated by your letter as being in the report would be of great assistance to the County Planning Commission, particularly at this time. In addition to the implementation measures proposed in the county's coming program, the next year's work will also include a recreation study and an industrial lands study.

In view of the mutual concern of the Corps and the County Planning Agency, with problems and controls on the flood plain of the Skagit, we feel that in the interest of coordination of efforts, copies of your reports might be furnished without cost to the county.

Published reports of the county's completed plan studies would be available on request through the County Planning Director, Mr. Wayne Kite, whose office is in the Courthouse at Mount Vernon.

The County Planner indicated to us that, as yet, he has not seen the Corps' report. Because of our responsibility in local urban planning

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grant projects of encouraging coordination of local planning efforts with programs of other affected state and federal agencies, we request that, if possible, a copy of the findings and recommendations of any future studies by your agencies be made available to the local planning agency. Our Department would also appreciate receiving a copy for use by our state planning section. We have received copies of your studies for the Nooksack and Stillaguamish Rivers and find them very pertinent to land use and zoning studies presently being conducted with urban planning assistance grants, which our Department administers.

Yours very truly,

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