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Mr. Edward Case
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Dear Mr. Case:

This letter confirms discussions by our Messrs. Bechly and McLaughlin during their visit with you on 26 August regarding bank erosion problems along the Skagit River in the vicinity of Sedro Woolley, as discussed in your letter of 28 July 1965 to the Rivers & Harbors Board of the Corps of Engineers.

We recognize the damage that bank erosion does to adjacent lands and improvements, but the Corps of Engineers under its authorities for assistance in flood emergencies and in small flood control projects cannot undertake bank protection except for protection of a public facility. We appreciate that the Avon Bypass and proposed levee and channel improvements set forth in our current survey report will not have much effect upstream of Sedro Woolley, but they are a most important first step in flood protection of the 68,000 acres of valuable land in the Skagit River delta.

On a long-range basis, in cooperation with other agencies of the State and Federal governments, we are studying the possibility of multiple-purpose upstream storage and other water resource developments in the Skagit River basin as part of a Comprehensive Study of Puget Sound and Adjacent Waters. This study will include consideration of upstream flood control storage that can be economically developed in the basin. Any upstream flood control storage that might be developed

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would reduce your bank erosion problems. In addition, flood control protection by levee and channel improvements will be investigated for the Skagit River upstream of Sedro Woolley and this may be helpful to your problem. **The comprehensive study for Skagit River basin will be completed in about 1969.**

You can be assured that we will give full consideration to your bank erosion problems in this comprehensive study of the Skagit River basin.

Sincerely,

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