

To: Hogan

NPSEN-PL

Telephone conversation between Pete Denny and Deb Olson, 23 December 1977:

Re: Skagit River Levee

Olson: Just to clarify it, now what I would really need is the estimated Federal construction cost of the levees that you guys are talking about in the vicinity of Sedro Woolley. I don't care about the land easement rights-of-way and relocations; in other words, any non-Federal costs. All I need is an estimate of what additional Federal costs we are talking about over and above that cost of the authorized levee systems downstream. OK, I just wasn't sure we were communicating and it was a little loose. Just wanted to be sure.

Denny: You must have gotten my Memo for Record on it then.

Olson: No, I haven't seen nothing from you.

Denny: OK, I wrote a Memo for Record on our discussion and I sent you a copy of it (think I did). Anyway, I am glad you clarified that because I am sure that I had the idea you wanted to split between the Federal cost and the non-Federal cost.

Olson: It is nice to have, but actually for the purpose now - here is the way this thing is going to read:

"The authorization for flood protection on the Skagit River, Washington, contained in Section 203 of the Flood Control Act of 1966, Public Law 89-789, 80 Stat. 1422, is hereby modified to include levee and channel improvements in the vicinity of Sedro Woolley authorized in Section 5 of the Flood Control Act of 1936, Public Law 738-74th Congress, at an estimated additional Federal construction cost of \$6,000,000."

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Get the point? See, we are modifying the lower levee project by the additional Federal construction cost of the Sedro Woolley levee and channel improvements. So that is what I really need.

Denny: OK, I will get back to Skrinde on it. Hogan is gone again today. I did talk to Hogan and Skrinde a little bit about this and was trying to get Skrinde going on it. Hogan was going to call ~~me~~ ^{you} back and talk to you some more about it and apparently he never did.

Olson: Maybe the fact that we have talked today will obviate Hogan calling me because I think it is quite clear what we need now, and there is precedent for this but all I need is - the SOP on the thing is to give Congress how much additional Federal costs you are asking them to put into this project. So that is the only figure I need really.

Demy: I will pass this on. Are you working on a congressional now?

Olson: I am not working on a congressional. What I want to do is get this language just typed up so that probably Seattle District can get it in the hands of what's his name - Sam Spina. When Sam was here we talked a little about this Skagit River thing - exactly what we are talking about - and I told him that we would have some drafting service worked up for him and get it in his hands. Maybe Seattle District would be the best avenue for that, but I want to get the language ground out first. Incidentally, the language that Hogan sent down said recreation... is also modified to provide recreation as a project function. I think I told you that that is not necessary because it is already authorized. The Federal participation in recreation is already authorized.

Denny: Believe you referred to Public Law ^{Olson:} (House document that contains the Chief's and Board's report) which clearly provides that ~~recreation~~ ^{participation}

in recreation is authorized, so we don't have to worry about that. I do not want to gomb this language up with any more recreation anyway.

Denny: If it is clear that we already have that authority - no need in

Olson: There is no question about it and if there is any question about it, put the question on paper and we will get it in the records properly, but I don't know why there should be any question.

Denny: Good.

Olson: There is just this one figure and of course it doesn't have to be a figure that Engineering Design Branch is going to work on for months, an off-the-cuff figure, for authorization purposes. Just as reasonably close as you can get it, of course, without a lot (we don't want a \$10,000 job or anything to get a figure).

Benny: We understand that. I think that there was an estimate made on at one time some years ago ^{and it} ~~that~~ may be just a matter of cost indexing that up or maybe we can simply take a million dollars a mile and go from there.

Olson: OK, you guys use your own judgment, but let me have the figure and I will get this typed up and get it back in your hands.