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SUBJECT: Skagit River, Washington, Levee and Channel Improvements

DA, North Pacific Division, Corps of Engineers, P.O. Box 2870,
Portland, Oregon 97208 20 April 1979 (received 3 May ±)

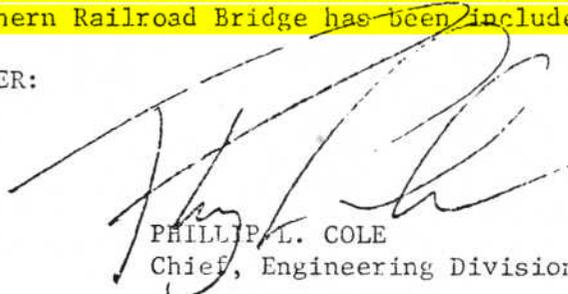
TO: District Engineer, Seattle

1. The inclosed memo for record (Incl 3) of the 3 April meeting, in your office, summarizes the discussions and the course of action agreed upon for subject project. In subsequent discussions, your staff stated the plan of stage construction, recommended in paragraph 3 of NPDPL comments (Incl 4), is not supportable. Also, the addition of urban protection for the town of Burlington to the authorized project is not incrementally justified. We requested, informally, a summary of this incremental analysis be furnished this office.

2. If plan 3E, modified to include tie back levee at Avon and exclude Burlington, were constructed under the Chief's discretionary authority, the Burlington area would suffer significant induced damages. With no assurances that the levee system would be constructed in the future to protect Burlington area, the locals may withdraw their support. Therefore, we concur with proposed action to present the total package to protect the Burlington area with the Mt. Vernon and rural areas. Moreover, you do not need to differentiate between the authorized and unauthorized work in GDM. However, the formulation and justification must be presented at the current interest rate of 6-7/8%. As agreed in the referenced MFR, the recommended plan would still incorporate modifications to provide SPF protection to Mt. Vernon, control works at Avon, and gradual flooding in Burlington during events exceeding 100-year occurrence.

3. Also, inclosed are our comments (edited) that were informally furnished to you in March. As was discussed in the meeting, the matter of freeboard for the Burlington Northern Railroad Bridge has been included.

FOR THE DIVISION ENGINEER:



PHILLIP L. COLE
Chief, Engineering Division

- 3 Incl
- wd incl 1 & 2
- Added 3 Incls
- 3. MFR
- 4. NPDPL-PF DF
- 5. NPD Cmts.