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Mr. John A. Poteat, Jr.
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District Engineer
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Dear Colonel Poteat:

I have been requested to write to you on behalf of our Association, which is composed of approximately 60 members who are contractors throughout Whatcom, Skagit and Island Counties.

It came to our attention at our most recent meeting that the Corps of Engineers is contemplating a substantial flood control project along the Skagit River within the next couple of years. The information that we received is that the estimated cost of the project will be in the neighborhood of \$15,000,000 and that at the present time the Corps of Engineers is considering breaking this project up into two units.

As you probably know, there are several qualified contractors within the local area who could perform the flood control work. However, several of our members cannot tackle extremely large projects due to their bonding capacity. The purpose of this letter is to inquire whether or not you would consider breaking the project up into smaller units such that it could be let out in \$1,000,000 to \$2,000,000 parcels that would be within the capabilities of local contractors.

Our Association meets for dinner in either Skagit or Whatcom County on the second Wednesday of every month from September through May. I am also interested in knowing whether or not you would be interested in attending one of our future meetings as our guest and perhaps making a brief presentation on the scope of the project contemplated by the Corps of Engineers. I know that our membership would be extremely interested in hearing your remarks on the project.

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If you have any questions concerning the contents of this letter or would like clarification of any point raised herein, please feel free to call me at my office in Bellingham at 734-0204.

Very truly yours,

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JAMES G. BELL
Secretary

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cc. Mr. Jim Kirkpatrick

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