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Seattle, December 20th, 1923.

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Mr. Ralph Budd,  
President,  
St. Paul.

Dear Sir:-

On November 30th Colonel Barden, the United States Engineer, called a hearing in regard to the improvement of the Skagit River.

So that we might be advised of any action taken, our Engineering Department sent Mr. Herzog to attend the hearing. Nothing of any importance transpired, further than that Colonel Barden stated to the meeting that the United States Government is primarily interested in the navigation of the river, and would consider flood protection only in connection with the improvement of the river for purposes of navigation. No immediate action is contemplated further than a preliminary survey authorized by the River & Harbor Act of September 22, 1922. We will, however, keep in touch with this matter and advise you if anything of importance occurs.

Very truly yours,

*L. C. Gilman*

Copy to  
Mr. O. S. Bowen

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