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Colonel Ernest L. Perry, District Engineer
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Avon Bypass
Skagit River Flood Control Project

Dear Colonel Perry:

Reference is made to your letters of December 6th and December 16th regarding the rescheduled public hearing date of January 10th for the proposed Avon Bypass of the Skagit River and other flood control proposals.

We have reviewed the location of the various sections to which reference was made in your previous letters concerning their susceptibility to floods from the Skagit River. In all but one instance, we find that these highways have either been reconstructed within the last six or seven years or will be reconstructed within the next three or four years. Plans for this reconstruction work provide for elevation of the highways above the 1909 flood elevation.

In reviewing past maintenance records of these highways which have previously been affected by flooding of the Skagit River, we find that the relatively low cost of repairs because of high water damage could not possibly justify the proposed cost of the bridge structures as outlined in your previous report. For this reason, we must reiterate our position as expressed in our letter of November 20th regarding the participation of this department in the proposed flood control improvements.

Please be advised that Mr. P. J. McKay, District Engineer in Seattle, will attend the public hearing on January 10th.

Very truly yours,

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Director of Highways

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