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Skagit River Basin Planning - Mr. George Dynes of Mt. Vernon visited with Mr. Gullidge and with me today on local planning activities in the Skagit River basin. He advised that the County Commissioners are planning to contact us in the month of January in regard to setting up a basin-wide commission for consideration of flood control and other water resource developments. As presently planned, the commission will have in the neighborhood of 12 members with representation from Puget Sound Power and Light, Shell Oil, Texaco, Skagit Corporation, two Diking Districts, two Drainage Districts, Burlington, Mt. Vernon, Skagit County Development Association and Anacortes. Mr. Dynes has advised that this local committee should serve very well not only for advising the Commissioners on our flood problems but also in aiding basin planning for the comprehensive study.

Mr. Dynes said there was a great deal of interest in the Valley now in irrigation, and local interests are tieing the possibility of irrigation to our Bypass project. In addition, there is some way out thinking on the possibility of a nuclear power plant utilizing the Bypass for cooling water supply and using the warm water to facilitate irrigation.

The Diking Districts are seeking legislation for consolidation and some thought is being given to establishing a county-wide flood plain zone for financing of flood control improvements. We encouraged Mr. Dynes in his planning and told him that we were looking forward to hearing from the County Commissioners within the next two weeks in January. (GEDNEY)

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