

Local

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11 January 1979

MEMO FOR: RECORD

SUBJECT: Skagit River, Washington, Levee and Channel Improvements

1. On 11 January 1979 a meeting was held at Congressman Al Swift's office in Everett (0930 hours), a luncheon meeting at the Mt. Vernon Elks Club (1130 hours) and county commissioners meeting at 1445 hours to discuss the Skagit River, Washington, Levee and Channel Improvement Project. Inclosure 1 shows Congressman Al Swift's staff and people attending the first two meetings. Inclosure 2 shows persons attending Mt. Vernon luncheon meeting.
2. Colonel Poteat briefed Congressman Swift on Corps' mission worldwide, support of Army and civilian role. Projects in the 2d District were also discussed with great detail on Skagit levee project.
3. Congressman Swift requested the following:
 - a. Contact Janet Theisen and brief her on all items in his district, including visit as soon as possible and also provide Jay Pearson and him data as soon as possible on: (1) Dam Safety - Tolt Dam, (2) LaConner work, (3) Nord Door development at Everett.
 - b. Later this year a visit to civil projects and military briefing with visit to Fort Lewis.
4. Draft legislation for 79 Omnibus Bill on Skagit project was provided Congressman Swift covering the following:
 - a. Extending study area upstream.
 - b. Raising levels of protection.
 - c. Adding recreation.
 - d. Authorizing Federal payment for local costs with local repayment over 50 years.
5. Colonel Poteat briefed people attending Mt. Vernon meeting. Congressman Swift advised local sponsors they will have to decide whether to support levees, Avon Bypass or Sauk Dam, but only one will go. If levees are not supported now, any other flood protective measures will be far off in the future, if at all. He asked for prompt response (by 20 January).
6. Following meeting, Colonel Poteat, Roy Webster, George Dynes and Vernon Cook toured the Nookachamps valley.

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