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Bud Norris, Chairman  
Skagit County Board of Commissioners  
Post Office Box 396  
Mount Vernon, Washington 98273

Dear Mr. Norris:

This is in reply to an 11 December 1978 letter from your Mr. Eugene Sampley regarding the Skagit River Levee and Channel Improvement Project.

Mr. Sampley advised of your desire to give full consideration to local contractors in planning and construction of the Skagit levee project. We discussed this aspect of planning with both you and Mr. Sampley following receipt of the letter. We will provide every opportunity possible for local contractors to participate in Skagit levee construction work consistent with our scheduling and administration parameters.

The work should be accomplished using two to six separate contracts over 3 to 5 years, subject to planning and funding restraints. Advertising for construction work will include full coverage of the Skagit County area. We will be available to meet with you or any local group to discuss the work to assure all potential local bidders or suppliers have an opportunity to become familiar with the work and bidding procedures. Best timing for meetings with potential bidders would be during the fall and winter of 1979, as planning will have progressed to a point where more detail is available.

Mr. Sampley also indicated you are reviewing the possibility of requesting special legislation which would permit Federal funding of local cooperation costs with local repayment for these costs over 50 years. This matter was also discussed with you and Mr. Sampley.

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We understand you plan to request assistance from your congressman and senators on this matter. We will provide whatever technical data we have to support you in this request. Also, we have provided sample draft legislation to you covering various items you have expressed an interest in.

Sincerely yours,

COOK/s/

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