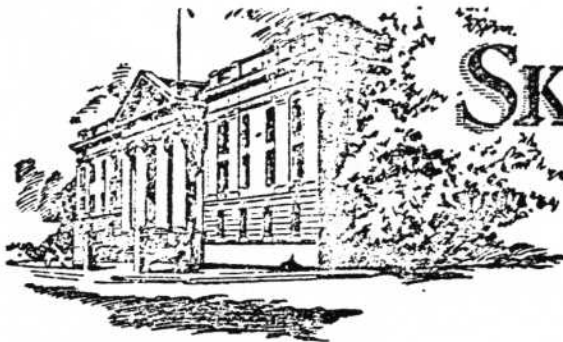


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July 25, 1977

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John A. Poteat  
Colonel, Corp. of Engineers  
P. O. Box C-3755  
Seattle, WA 98124

Dear Colonel Poteat:

We are happy to be able to respond to your letter of July 11, 1977. We feel that Skagit County's county-wide flood control zone will be an asset should any large projects, such as the Lower Levee Project or the Avon Bypass Project, be undertaken and the following are some of our comments regarding these projects:

- a. **Additional Flood Control at Upper Baker Project:** Skagit County is very pleased with Congressional approval of the Upper Baker project of the Skagit River and look forward to this flood control improvement to help alleviate floods in our area.
  - b. **Levee and Channel Improvements:** Skagit County is very happy to cooperate with the corp of Engineer's study of the Levee and Channel Improvement project previously authorized by Congress in 1966. Much of the area in Skagit County is agricultural, used for dairy farms, crop farming and bulbs. Operation of these farms is impossible during flooding conditions, therefore, the increased protection provided would be greatly appreciated by the farmers of the valley as well as the urban areas such as Burlington, Mount Vernon and LaConner.
  - c. **Avon Bypass Project:** While the flooding history of the Skagit River during past fifty years has made the residents of Skagit County very complacent regarding the need for the Avon Bypass, we are still interested in preventing the deauthorization of the project at this time since the attitude of the people towards the Avon Bypass could completely change should we have a major flood in the next few years.
- The Wild and Scenic River Project, which is being considered by Congress,

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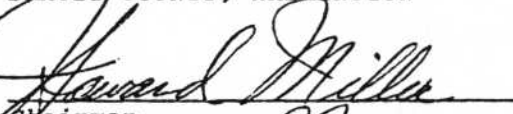
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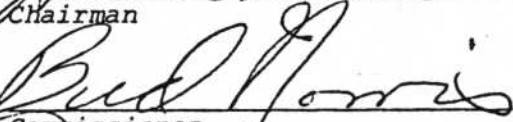
may affect flood prevention in the entire Skagit Valley and should this bill be authorized other flood protection means may have to be secured to provide flood protection for the valley. All of the Diking Districts and the County Engineering Department feel that we should keep working against the deauthorization of the Avon Bypass.

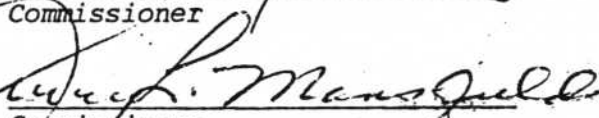
In conclusion, we appreciate the opportunity to express our concern for future flooding in the valley, and the assistance of the Corp of Engineers in helping us to provide adequate flood control protection for the residents and land in the Skagit Valley.

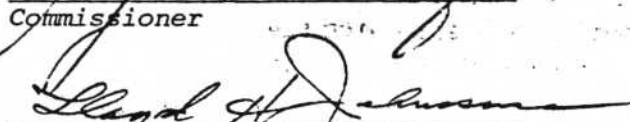
Respectfully,

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