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March 22, 1978

Col. Poteat, Jr.
District Engineer
Corps of Engineers
P.O. Box C-3755
Seattle, Washington 98124

Re: Lower Levee Project
Skagit County

Dear Col. Poteat:

Skagit County is very satisfied with the progress the Corps of Engineers has made on the Lower Levee Project. We visited the Corps office in Seattle on March 9, 1978, and found twenty to twenty-five individuals working on the project, including surveying (photogrammetry), hydraulic design, and they have completed field surveying of the entire basin area.

The Engineering Department has studied the Skagit River, Levee & Channel Improvements public brochure of March, 1978, and fully supports Alternative 3 of the brochure with the reservation of Alternatives 4, 5 and 6 to be considered at a later date. This would provide near 100 year protection.

We, the residents of Skagit County, have lived a considerable number of years realizing that another major flood is a certainty although the date is in question. Such a flood will endanger lives and cause untold property damage.

Skagit County's flood plain zoning is making inroads toward protecting our valley, but we are still in a very vulnerable position. The Corps' proposals to protect the urban areas of Skagit County are justified and long overdue.

Following six years of study, the Lower Levee Project was approved by Congress in 1966. Today, twelve years later, we are beginning to see the reality of that study and are looking forward to construction about 1980. We are hopeful that no additional damage will occur prior to the construction.

The Board of County Commissioners passed an Agreement for local cooperation on March 21, 1978 which provides for all the necessary right-of-way, utility relocation and road restoration and the maintenance thereof for this project.

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The Dike Districts, together with the other residents of Skagit County, are looking forward to an early completion of the Lower Levee Project.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Lloyd H. Johnson", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

LLOYD H. JOHNSON, P. E.
Skagit County Engineer

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