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Animas-La Plata

January 22, 1962

Mr. Frank M. Clinton, Director
Regional Office, Region 4
Bureau of Reclamation
P. O. Box 360
Salt Lake City, Utah

Dear Mr. Clinton:

Under separate cover we are returning the Hydrology Appendix for the Animas-La Plata Report. We have made extensive use of the data contained in this volume and have made entries on some of the pages. We have taken the liberty to mark these pages and request that these pages be returned to us when you have completed your revision of the appendix.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank you for making this data available to us.

Very truly yours,

David P. Hale
Interstate Stream Engineer

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UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
BUREAU OF RECLAMATION

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REGIONAL OFFICE, REGION 4
P. O. BOX 360
SALT LAKE CITY 10, UTAH

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Mr. S. E. Reynolds
State Engineer
Santa Fe, New Mexico

Attn: Mr. David P. Hale

Dear Sir:

The hydrology appendix for the Animas-La Plata project, referred to in Mr. Hale's letter of January 2, 1962, is being revised in this office. Minor revisions are being made on a few of the pages mentioned in that letter. We would therefore like to have your copy of the appendix returned for revision after which we will send it back to you as mentioned in our letter of November 8, 1961.

Very truly yours,

G. S. Rippon

Acting Regional Director

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STATE ENGINEER OFFICE
SANTA FE, N.M.

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Animas La Plata

January 2, 1962

Mr. C. S. Rippon
Assistant Regional Director
Regional Office, Region 4
Bureau of Reclamation
P. O. Box 360
Salt Lake City 10, Utah

Dear Mr. Rippon:

Pursuant to your letter of November 8, 1961 the appendices reports on the Animas-La Plata project, except for the Hydrology Appendix, are being returned under separate cover.

We have made extensive notes including river routing studies based on the information contained in the Hydrology Appendix, especially pages 109 to 119, 129 to 139 and 162 to 183. It would be appreciated if we could retain these pages and return the balance of the volume. If you have objection to this procedure please advise and we will return the volume intact.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

S. E. Reynolds
State Engineer

By

David P. Hale
Interstate Stream Engineer

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Mr. Steve Reynolds
New Mexico State Engineer
Santa Fe, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Reynolds:

When you have completed your review of the proposed Animas-La Plata project report, we would appreciate your returning to us the five volumes of appendixes. We will revise these in accordance with the comments of the various report reviewers and will then return them to you if you so desire.

Very truly yours,

G. S. Rippon

Assistant Regional Director

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STATE ENGINEER OFFICE
SANTA FE, N.M.

THOMAS G. MORRIS
AT LARGE—NEW MEXICO

HOME ADDRESS:
Box 1297, TUCUMCARI

Animas La Plata

Congress of the United States

House of Representatives

Washington, D. C.

August 22, 1961

MEMBER:
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SCIENCE AND ASTRONAUTICS
COMMITTEE
JOINT COMMITTEE ON
ATOMIC ENERGY

1961 AUG 28 AM 8:32
STATE ENGINEER OFFICE
SANTA FE, N.M.

S. E. Reynolds, State Engineer
State of New Mexico
State Capitol
Santa Fe, New Mexico

Dear Steve:

I am glad to have the Bureau of Reclamation's proposed feasibility report on the Animas-La Plata Project for my review and information.

Thank you for keeping me informed.

Sincerely yours,

Tom
THOMAS G. MORRIS

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COMMITTEE ON
INTERIOR AND INSULAR AFFAIRS

February 17, 1961

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STATE ENGINEER OFFICE
SANTA FE, N.M.

Mr. S. E. Reynolds
State Engineer
P. O. Box 1079
Santa Fe, New Mexico

Dear Steve:

Thanks very much for your letter of February 13, with the copy of your reply to Dave Martin. This is very helpful to me. I will make it available to other members of the Congressional delegation.

Sincerely yours,

Clinton P. Anderson

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February 13, 1961

Mr. Dave Martin, Chairman
Executive Committee of San Juan County
Reclamation Association
Bloomfield, New Mexico

Dear Dave:

Your letter of February 3 expresses concern about the availability of project revenues from the Colorado River Storage Project to finance New Mexico's portion of the proposed Animas-La Plata Participating project.

In formulating replies to the questions posed in your letter of February 3, I have reviewed the testimony presented to the House Subcommittee on Irrigation and Reclamation at the hearings on the Navajo and San Juan-Chama Projects on May 20, 1960. At this hearing Mr. Burnett, Chief of the Project Development Division of the Bureau of Reclamation, gave the following testimony.

Mr. Burnett: If I may explain this, Mr. Hosmer, figuring our preconstruction planning and our construction period, and predicated on authorization this year, we would expect that the project would be completed in about 1967.

At the end of 2017, at which time water would have to be available for delivery to the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District, for which there is no development period, there would be some \$19 million accumulated in surplus revenues.

Mr. Hosmer: As against an allocation of what?

Mr. Burnett: \$15 million for the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District to be repaid from power revenues.

Mr. Hosmer: How about the whole thing?

Mr. Burnett: Considering the tributary projects, which have a 10-year development period, we then go to 10 years later, which would be 2027. We now have accumulated revenues of \$54 million, which is about \$10 million more than the total requirement I for repayment of the San Juan-Chama Project I.

It appears that the earliest possible date that the Animas-La Plata Project could be authorized by the Congress is 1962. The Bureau of Reclamation's November 1954 report on the Animas-La Plata Project estimates a construction period of 10 years, thus, we might expect the project to be completed in 1972. If the project is completed in 1972, and if the Secretary of the Interior allows a 10-year development period, which seems reasonable, power revenues accumulating to New Mexico's credit to the year 2,032, would be anticipated for the financing of the Animas-La Plata Project. Since these revenues accumulate at the rate of \$3.66 million per year, a total of a little more than \$18 million would accumulate in the period from the year 2027 mentioned in Mr. Burnett's testimony to the year 2032, giving a total of \$28 million anticipated to be available for financing the Animas-La Plata Project. Estimates made from the Bureau of Reclamation's 1954 report indicate that the total cost of the Animas-La Plata Project will be about \$80 million with \$20 million of that allocated to the New Mexico portion. Of this \$20 million, \$16 million would need to be financed with power revenue credits. If the foregoing estimates are correct, the power revenue credits available to New Mexico are far more than adequate to finance both the San Juan-Chama Project and the Animas-La Plata Project without delaying the construction of either.

Since the feasibility report on the Animas-La Plata Project is not yet complete, it is obvious that the above statements related to the costs, construction schedule, and distribution of financing of that project are largely conjecture. While it seems unlikely, it is possible that the estimates related to that project may be increased so as to indicate that construction would have to be delayed to give time for additional power-revenue credits to New Mexico to accumulate. It is my understanding that Colorado has available large amounts of uncommitted power-revenue credits, and if the above estimates related to the Animas-La Plata Project are unfavorably altered, it seems likely that Colorado would want to lend New Mexico power-revenue credits so that the project could go ahead immediately. There does not appear to be much chance that the project would be feasible without the New Mexico lands. Section 5 (e) of Public Law 485, 84th Congress, provides for such loans of power-revenue credits, and it is my understanding that a precedent for such loans was recently established in connection with the Savery-Pothook Project in Wyoming and Colorado when Colorado agreed to lend credits to Wyoming so that the project could go ahead.

In view of the foregoing the answer to the questions posed in the fourth and fifth paragraphs of your letter is that anticipated power revenues available to New Mexico are sufficient to permit the construction of the Animas-La Plata Project to be initiated as soon as it may be authorized.

Mr. Dave Martin, Chairman
February 13, 1961 - 3

In response to the second paragraph of your letter there is forwarded herewith a copy of the Secretary of the Interior's "Financial and Economic Analysis, Colorado River Storage Project and Participating Projects" dated February 1958. Page 38 of this document sets forth the schedule of power revenue credits available to New Mexico.

In response to the third paragraph of your letter, about \$45 million of New Mexico's power revenue credits would be required to finance the initial stage of the San Juan-Chama Project.

Please advise me if some further discussion of this matter would be helpful to you.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

S. E. Reynolds
State Engineer

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cc: Valentin Archuleta
Cecil C. Dial
Jack Gardner
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A. T. Talley

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Sen. Anderson
Sen. Chavez
Rep. Montoya
Rep. Morris
Governor Mechem

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STATE ENGINEER OFFICE
SANTA FE, N. M.

Bloomfield, N.M.
Feb 3, 1961.

Mr. Steve Reynolds,
State Engineer,
Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Dear Mr. Reynolds:

A majority of the Executive Committee of San Juan County's Reclamation Association are concerned over the danger that Colorado interests, with funds now available for their share of the Animas-La Plata irrigation project, might become impatient with New Mexico's failure to provide, promptly, her share of the funds necessary for her participation in the joint effort. We can understand their fear that New Mexico's delay might result in allocation of funds and water, both now available for their share of Animas-La Plata, to other projects in that State. New Mexico's failure to build her share jointly with, and at the time of, Colorado's construction of her portion of the project, would end any hope for any La Plata river development for New Mexico.

Will you, please, furnish this Association a schedule of Power Revenue funds presumed to become available to New Mexico for use in furtherance of Upper Colorado river participating projects?

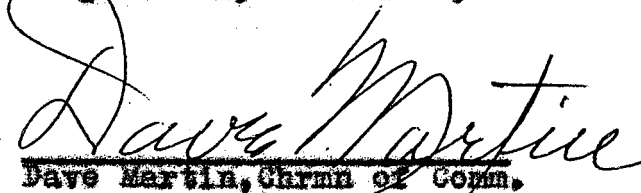
What part of these funds will be allocated to construction of the San Juan-Chama Project, should it be built according to present plans?

With that development, when would Power Revenue funds be available to start construction of New Mexico's share of the Animas-La Plata?

If New Mexico's share of the Animas-La Plata is to be lost, or even seriously jeopardized through lack of construction funds, would you not agree with us that New Mexico's interests would be best served by allocation of the first Power Revenue funds available to that project instead of using those funds for immediate construction of the San Juan-Chama?

We would appreciate your own personal analysis of the Power Revenue Funds schedule, your estimate of the Fund's availability, and of its effect on New Mexico's share of the Animas-La Plata project. We confidently predict that any delay in commencement of that project will result in the loss of her share of the Animas-La Plata to the State of New Mexico.

Respectfully submitted,


Dave Martin, Chrmn of Comm.

With approval of

Valentin Archuleta,
Cecil C. Dial,
Jack Gardner,
J. H. Harper,
Oliver Stock,
A. T. Talley,

members of the Committee.

cc:
Sen. Anderson,
Sen. Chavez,
Rep. Montoya,
Rep. Morris,
Gov. Mechem.

February 18, 1961

The Honorable Clinton P. Anderson
United States Senate
Washington, D. C.

Dear Senator Anderson:

Herewith for your information is a copy of my reply
to Mr. Dave Martin's letter of February 3, 1961.

Very truly yours,

S. E. Reynolds
State Engineer

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also to: Senator Chavez
Representative Montoya
Representative Morris

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MEMORANDUM

February 13, 1961

TO: The Honorable Edwin L. Mechem
Governor of New Mexico, Santa Fe

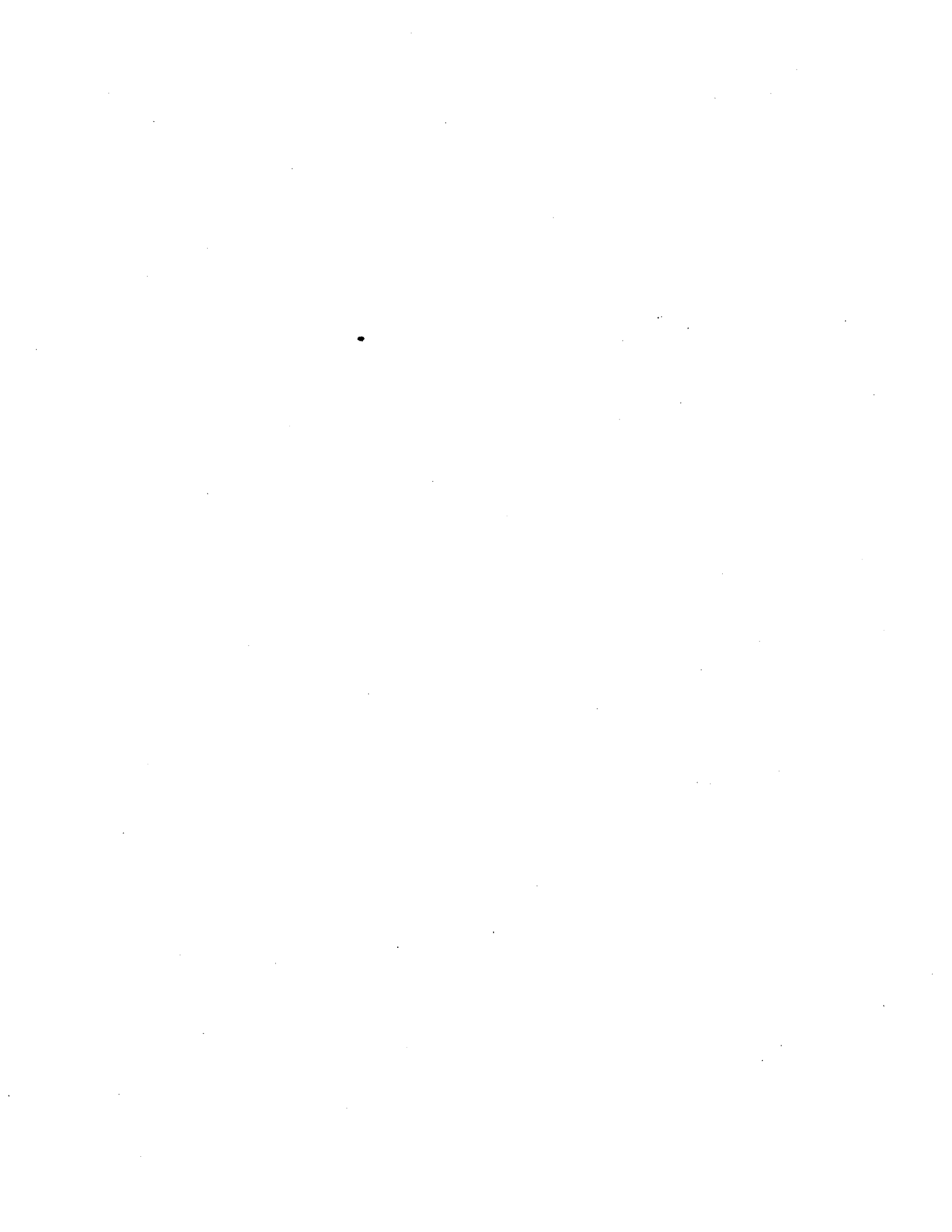
FROM: S. E. Reynolds, State Engineer

SUBJECT: Dave Martin letter concerning availability of
project revenues from the Colorado River Storage
Project to finance New Mexico's portion of the
proposed Animas-La Plata Participating project.

Herewith for your information is a copy of my letter replying to
Mr. Dave Martin's letter of February 3, 1961.

Respectfully submitted,

S. E. Reynolds





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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
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IN REPLY
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REGIONAL OFFICE, REGION 4
P. O. BOX 360
SALT LAKE CITY 10, UTAH

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STATE ENGINEER OFFICE
SANTA FE, N.M.

Mr. S. E. Reynolds, Secretary
New Mexico Interstate Stream Commission
State Capitol
Santa Fe, New Mexico

Dear Sir:

In accordance with Article 7 of Contract 14-06-0400-1271, dated November 15, 1960 between the United States and the State of New Mexico, you are advised that the \$10,000.00 advanced has been fully expended.

The advance has been applied against accumulative costs of \$39,409.60 incurred during the period November 1, thru December 31, 1960, for investigations and studies on the Animas LaPlata Project.

Very truly yours,

F. M. Clinton

Regional Director

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January 20, 1961

Mr. Loring Smith
Koogler & Smith
Aztec
New Mexico

Dear Mr. Smith:

Enclosed for your information and files as requested by you at the La Plata Conservancy District meeting January 13 are copies of correspondence between Mr. Brown and me, and other information relative to the San Juan River water supply and proposed development.

Your interest in this matter is sincerely appreciated.

Very truly yours,

S. E. Reynolds
State Engineer

By:
David P. Hale
Interstate Stream Engineer

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Encls:

- Feb. 10 letter
- Brown to Reynolds
- Feb. 15 letter
- Reynolds to Brown
- May 5 letter B
- Brown to Reynolds
- May 11 Letter
- Reynolds to Brown
- Senate Hearing S. 3648
- House Hearings H.R. 2352
- " " 2494
- S. 72

LA PLATA CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

La Plata, New Mexico

January 19, 1961

Mr. S. E. Reynolds
State Engineer
Box 1079
Santa Fe, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Reynolds:

We want to express our appreciation to you, Mr. Irby, Mr. Compton, and Mr. Hale for attending our meeting January 13. I am sorry I did not get to talk to you after the meeting. We hope soon we will be able to have a stronger, more efficient organization.

I am enclosing a recently revised list of the members of the District. I took this from the tax rolls, and it should be complete.

It seems that most of the opposition to the San Juan-Chama Project is now from other parts of the county than La Plata. Many people still feel that we must do what we can to prevent the diversion. The area below Farmington is very concerned about plans for their water to be supplied by return flow from the Navajo Project. Many do not think there will be much return.

As you know, we don't know enough about these projects to be able to discuss them intelligently. Therefore we will hope with all our hearts that you are right and there will be enough water for future development of this county, as well as proposed projects. Meantime, it appears that there will be extensive efforts by many other organizations in the county to separate the San Juan-Chama from the Navajo Project and keep the San Juan-Chama as small as possible.

Yours truly,

/s/ Casey
Alton K. Brown, Sec.

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