

Spokane 63 Wash, E. 5217 Granite Drive,
7-26-1957.

Mayor A. B. Curtis,
Arifino
Idaho.

Dear Sir:

Can you give me the story of
what the Bruce Eddy would mean to
the northwest. By the Clearwater
Dam association.

Yours truly
Ole Gudaa.

P.S. Please find stamps enclosed.
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JULY 31, 1957

OLE GUDAA, AGENT
E. 5217 GRANITE POINT DRIVE
SPOKANE 63, WASHINGTON

DEAR MR. GUDAA:

I AM VERY HAPPY TO HAVE YOUR LETTER OF JULY 26 CONCERNING THE BRUCE'S EDDY PROJECT ON THE NORTH FORK OF THE CLEARWATER RIVER IN IDAHO. RARELY DO WE HAVE PEOPLE WRITING FOR SUCH INFORMATION AND IT IS A PLEASURE TO WORK WITH PEOPLE WHO ARE SEEKING THE TRUTH ABOUT THIS IMPORTANT WATER RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT.

THE CLEARWATER RIVER IS THE MAJOR STREAM OF THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST REMAINING UNCONTROLLED THIS RIVER FLOWS ON AN AVERAGE OF APPROXIMATELY 8½ MILLION ACRE FEET OF WATER ANNUALLY ALL GOING TO WASTE AND CAUSING DESTRUCTION. THIS IS ENTIRELY TO VALUABLE OF A RESOURCE TO GO OVER LOOKED IN OUR RAPIDLY GROWING NORTH WEST WHICH IS IN SUCH NEED OF HYDRO ELECTRIC ENERGY, NAVIGATION AND MANY OF THE OTHER BENEFITS THIS PROJECT WOULD AFFORD.

THE STORY OF ELECTRICAL ENERGY AND THE NEED OF IT FOR EXPANSION OF OUR INDUSTRIES IS WELL KNOWN. WE HEAR MUCH OF ALUMINUM PLANTS, THE VALUABLE CLAY DEPOSITS OF LATAH COUNTY, PULP MILLS THROUGHOUT OUR NORTHWEST REGION AND OTHER DEVELOPMENT DESIRED BY ALL. OF PRIMARY CONCERN IS, OF COURSE, WHERE WILL THE ENERGY COME FROM TO MAKE SUCH DEVELOPMENT POSSIBLE. OUR REGION IS FACING AT THIS TIME A PERIOD OF STAGNATION AND ECONOMIC RETROGRESSION. WILD LIFE INTERESTS SEEM TO BE THE PRINCIPLE GROUP OPPOSED TO WATER RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT. IT IS SHAMEFUL THAT SUCH RESOURCES SHOULD BLESS THIS REGION WITHOUT FOUNDATION. WE ALL WANT WILDLIFE AND FISHING RESOURCES AND RECREATION AS WELL. THE COUNTRY IS FULL OF MARVELOUS ACHIEVEMENTS AND ADVANCEMENT OF FISH, WILDLIFE, BOATING AND ALL AROUND RECREATION WHERE MAN-KIND HAS ESTABLISHED DAMS AND WATER RESERVOIRS. THE NORTH IDAHO LAKES ARE A GOOD EXAMPLE OF FINE RECREATION. IN MONTANA AND SOUTH IDAHO WE HAVE MANY OTHER EXAMPLES OF MAN MADE LAKES WHERE THE RECREATION BUSINESS IS BUILDING UP VERY RAPIDLY.

WITH THE BUILDING OF HYDRO ELECTRIC PROJECTS WILL COME GREATER VALUES WHICH WILL RETURN TAX BENEFITS TO OUR REGION. CERTAINLY EVERY ON SHOULD AGREE THAT OUR COUNTRY IS BEING TAXED TO THE LIMIT AT THIS TIME ANDYET WE DO NOT THINK OF COMMUNITY FACILITIES THAT SHOULD BE DISCARDED. OBVIOUSLY THE ONLY WAY TO MEET THE SITUATION IS TO IMPROVE OUR TAX STRUCTURE BY INCREASE OF THE TAX BASE.

I AM SENDING ALONG A PAMPHLET WHICH WILL GIVE YOU MUCH OF THE DETAIL YOU MIGHT BE INTERESTED IN AND IF THERE ARE ANY SPECIFIC QUESTIONS YOU WOULD LIKE TO HAVE ME ANSWER PLEASE GIVE ME THE OPPORTUNITY.

SINCERELY YOURS,

A.B. CURTIS, MAYOR

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