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Colonel James Beddow  
District Engineer  
Walla Walla District  
Army Corps of Engineers  
Walla Walla, Washington

most personal regards

Dear Jim:

Thank you very kindly for your letter dated May 7 on the Bruce Eddy Project which is written in response to my letter of January 8.

You have certainly written us very thoroughly on the subject and I hope that it has not taken too much of your important time. I do not expect you to go so thoroughly into such detail.

I have Colonel Symbol's letter of November 15, 1960 which deals principally with shoreline use and cannot help but feel that there seems to be a gradual tightening up of shoreline property.

Can you tell me, Jim, if the Army figures on replacing the bridge at the mouth of Benton Creek? I think we talked about this a little last year, but we went into considerable detail with Colonel Symbol the year before last. A sketch was made of the new proposed bridge to replace the existing structure but a definite location has never been mentioned. This is understandable and does not make much difference so long as it is in the general stretch of the river somewhere around the mouth of Benton Creek to the mouth of Robinson Creek which is just below the mouth of the Little North Fork. There are about five miles of river where the crossing would be most desirable. Of course this bridge is of the utmost importance to us in getting our protection agencies and industries back and forth. The existing bridge was built in 1934 and we feel most deeply about its replacement. I think that a word of assurance from you at this time would be very helpful to us.

We are currently preparing to go to Washington and work very energetically and hard for this project which we feel is most necessary. We do want to

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have a good understanding about the matters that I have written you on and I am quite sure that all of our problems can be worked out since we must work together if the project is to be successful. Rest assured it is not my intention to burden you, or ask too much of your time, and I appreciate all of the kindness and cooperation that you have given us in the past.

District Engineer  
Walla Walla District  
Army Corps of Engineers  
Walla Walla, Washington

Kind personal regards,

A. B. CURTIS  
Mayor

Thank you very kindly for your letter dated May 7 on the bridge over  
the river. It is written in response to my letter of January 8.

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I have Colonel Spedel's letter of November 15, 1960 which deals primarily with shoreline use and cannot help but feel that there seems to be a general tightening up of shoreline property.

Can you tell me, Jim, if the Army figures on replacing the bridge at the mouth of Boston Creek? I think we talked about this a little last year, but we went into considerable detail with Colonel Spedel the year before last. A sketch was made of the new proposed bridge to replace the existing structure but a definite location has never been mentioned. This is understandable and does not make much difference as long as it is in the general stretch of the river somewhere around the mouth of Boston Creek to the mouth of Robinson Creek which is just below the mouth of the Little North Fork. There are about five miles of river where the crossing would be most desirable. Of course this bridge is of the utmost importance to us in getting our production agencies and industries back and forth. The existing bridge was built in 1934 and we feel most deeply about its replacement. I think that a word of assurance from you at this time would be very helpful to us.

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