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Honorable A. B. Curtis Mayor Box 546 Orofino, Idaho

Dear Bert:

It was good to get your enthusiastic letter of the 15th concerning the coming hearings on the Omnibus Bill which contains our proposed Bruces Eddy project.

The economic situation in northern Idaho has given me concern for some time, but I am hoping that the Bruces Eddy and various other projects will get under way to relieve the distress in the near future. It will be good to have you and Ray McNichols back here for the hearings, which I expect will be scheduled sometime after the 4th of July. There isn't much information that I can pass along to you and Ray now, but I expect you both to be effective witnesses before the Committee, using your own excellent judgment as to how best to play up the value of the project.

As I told Ray, Senator Church and I have discussed this Bruces Eddy proposal on several recent occasions and feel fairly confident of success this year. As a part of the Omnibus Rivers and Harbors Bill and with promised backing from the White House, it doesn't seem that I am being overly optimistic to expect to override the opposition in this instance.

I will let you and Ray know later of the hearing dates and any suggestions which happen to occur to me. In the meantime, with kindest regards, I am

Sincerely,

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Member of Congress

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