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Max:

Sure was good to hear from you. Have not seen you for ages it seems.

I have been -out of circulation - so speaking recently. Gone a good part of the winter and after getting home have had considerable trouble and strain in the loss of my mother and then more recently the loss of my brothers wife and his only daughter. Seems that a lot came un glued for awhile. I guess we will all get over it however as time is a great healer.

Long ago I had a letter from Bill Lapsley and I intended to answer. I think he was in the far East but some how his nice personal letter got lost in the mix up of my small office. Should you have the dope on where he is send it over to me and maybe I can make up to him for my past neglect. I hear from our good friend Frank from time to time and he remembers to send me a Xmas card. I think that he is still with Coverdale & Colpitts, Consulting Engineers, 140 Broadway, NY.NY.

Things are moving about at the Dam. Sure looks big now and we cant wait till they start filling the lake. Even have a local operator who wants to take water from the lake to drop on forest fires when it is filled. They are shopping about for the type of a airplane that will take about 1000 gal's water thru a snorkle tube into the hull of the ship and drop on fires in the forest. They do a lot of this in Canada and other parts of N. America where a good source of water is available. I was x talking with one of the fellows this AM and told him that he better not get organized to soon since the water probably will not be available until '72. Then it will be a dangerous operation until the float is out of the surface.

I sure feel bad the way Col. Dick was treated at Lewisdon this winter. I was away when the hearing was held but the wild lifers sure over exerted themselves to abuse the Corp. This is terrible and I feel very sure that they will see the day when they realize the mistakes that they are making. I am still a firm believer in Hydro and I always will be. I still think we have to have flood control and it beats me how short some peoples memory is. Wait till the spring High Water is over. Maybe we will hear a little sobbing then. Lots of snow in the back country and it is not going off very fast.

I must get out to the project more often. I have been away so much and when I am home it seems that I am on the g^o so much. I plan to gt out and meet Ben a little more often. Guess I am getting to old and want to play Golf to much.

Some day drop me a line to advise on where abouts of Lapsley etc.

It will not be long until there will be a dedication coming up. I pres^{um} in late 71 or some time in '72 or so. Then also there will be a couple bridges to recognize and I for one want to be there. I know that Sen. Jordan will be most anxious for the completion of the Dent and Granddad bridges. Had a letter from him some time ago in which he said that he wanted to be the first man across !

Bruff of this rambling along. Good to hear from you. Drop in when you are over. I will be here till mid J^une then I am going to Sweeden and Finland with a possible side trip to Leningrad if I can get a Visa. I have written the USSR embassy and our State dept. about it. Would like ts see something of how they grow trees over there !

Regards to all

Max