

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY WALLA WALLA DISTRICT, CORPS OF ENGINEERS

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14 May 1971

NPWRE

Honorable A. B. Curtis Mayor of Orofino P. O. Box 1238 Orofino, Idaho 83544

Dear Bert:

Thanks for bringing me up to date in your letter of 17 April 1971.

Frank McElwee has worked for Con Ed of New York since September 1969 when he left a partnership in Coverdale & Colpitts. He is in charge of constructing a nuclear plant. His address is:

Resident Construction Manager Consolidated Edison Co. of N. Y., Inc. Indian Point Buchanan, New York 01511

Bill Lapsley is now Executive Vice President, Central Operations, Consolidated Edison of New York, 4 Irving Place, New York, 10003.

I think Frank works for General Woodbury, another retired Corps man.

I am proud that Charles Luce would look to the Corps to get men to put Con Ed back on the track. Despite those who call the Corps evil names and despoilers of the environment, the top people both uniformed and civilian are unequaled as engineers and managers.

I will acquaint Colonel Connell with your desire for dedication ceremonies for the Dent and Grandad Bridges. In my opinion, you should be recognized for conceiving them. Senator Jordan, Senator Church, and Representative McClure will be officially involved - as will Governor Andrus. The future owners and operators of the bridges would be likely sponsors of the dedications. NPWRE Honorable A. B. Curtis 14 May 1971

As you know, the Corps cannot sponsor dedication ceremonies. So the impetus must come locally. I suggest you write Colonel Connell a personal letter and request the Corps be prepared to set a date when traffic will be opened on each bridge. You might suggest that the Corps provide assistance to whatever local groups are selected to sponsor the dedications. Keep in mind the Dent Bridge, when opened early in October 1971, will be jointly owned by Clearwater County and Clearwater Highway District. The Grandad Bridge will be owned by the State, when it is opened in the spring of 1972.

A caution - be sure the ceremony does not become a platform for political speeches. I am sure you'll know how to handle it.

Sincerely yours,

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Col Connell w/cy 17 Apr 71 ltr Dick Patton """" Frank King """

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