

TELEPHONE CONVERSATION

Len Jordan - A. B. Curtis

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Mr. Jordan: I have a letter from the Secretary of the Army.

Mr. Curtis: General Stevens?

Mr. Jordan: General Stevens himself, endorsing this partnership.

Mr. Curtis: He has endorsed it, has he?

Mr. Jordan: Yes and I delivered also a letter from the Bureau of the Budget, the Administration's approval of it, I delivered a bill that has been looked over by the Budget Bureau and they say it is o.k.

Mr. Curtis: The Budget Bureau has o.k.ed it?

Mr. Jordan: Now that is all I can do. He said he would look it over. He didn't say he would, he didn't say he wouldn't. The thing is already there and if he won't do it I can get somebody to, because it is a good deal.

Mr. Curtis: Well what is your honest opinion, do you think he will do it?

Mr. Jordan: I don't know, he has been looking more favorably on it, since you fellows have been writing to him up there.

Mr. Curtis: Sure, we have been squeezing the dickens out of him.

Mr. Jordan: Well, he has all he needs now, he can have that bill typed up and in the hopper tomorrow if he wants to.

Mr. Curtis: John Corlett gave him a good plug a few days ago and, of course, everybody around here have been going after him, Len. Is penny Cliffs going to be tied into it in any way?

Mr. Jordan: No this is strictly just for the one, because as somebody mentioned, I think the Army letter - one of the letters mentioned the possibility of wildlife objection we better wait a while to put that one in. I just thought I would tell you, now I have gone with this thing as far as I can. I'm not going to give him too much time, because I will have to get somebody else.

Mr. Curtis: I had a letter from Henry about two days ago and he was extremely optimistic and he indicated that within the next two or three days he expected to do something with it, so I believe he will go ahead tomorrow, then.

Mr. Jordan: Well I don't know Bert, he has everything he needs, even the draft of the bill. It took a lot of time to please everybody, of course it has to please the principals out here on the coast, out there and it has to please the administration, Bureau of the Budget and the Corp of Engineers. The first letter we got from the Corp of Engineers I will tell you privately wasn't good to have, I wrote back and told them to give us another letter.

Mr. Curtis: Well, now Len, is this bill drawn on the general principles that you told me about a week ago.

Mr. Jordan: It is drawn on the principles that the local sponsor will pay that part of the cost of the dam allocated to power.

Mr. Curtis: That is 70%.

Mr. Jordan: In addition to that he will put in the total cost of the power plant. Now the dam will remain, the title will be that of the Federal Government.

Mr. Curtis: Forever.

Mr. Jordan: Sure - he will only own the power generating equipment.

Mr. Curtis: Well that is substantial and that will give us pretty fair tax base.

Mr. Jordan: That is the basis of it and the operating expenses will be prorated as between the power and the power of the other benefit. It is a very reasonable bill and nobody can object to it, I don't see how they could, if he will really get in and work on it, I don't see how anyone can turn it down.

Mr. Curtis: I don't see how he can. Well, Len, do you suggest a little backing from here or should we give Henry a little more rope and let him go.

Mr. Jordan: Well let's give him a day or two to read that bill over and then I'll just have to tell him that if he won't put it in, I will get somebody that will, because I can get somebody.

Mr. Curtis: Well we're going to get ourselves on record.

Mr. Jordan: Well, I'm that far along with it, I just got that thing in shape yesterday and I took it over to him today - that is one big step behind me.

Mr. Curtis: That is wonderful news.

Mr. Jordan: It took a little doing to get these letters of endorsement not only of the plan but of the bill itself.

Mr. Curtis: I am awfully glad that General Stephens came through. He is a good soldier. Thanks a million, Len. We'll get busy in a couple or three days if nothing happens.

Mr. Jordan: I don't want any publicity on this - I don't need any publicity for myself.

Mr. Curtis: Well you will get that letter out - you'll get plenty of boost on that.

Mr. Curtis: Alright Len, swell - Goodbye.