

April 19, 1955

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With kind personal regards

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A. B. Curtis, Mayor

Honorable Len Jordan, Chairman
United States Section
International Joint Commission
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Len:

Since writing you on April 18, I attended a meeting of the Inland Waterways Association at Dallas, Oregon. I am a director for Idaho of this organization.

We discussed the Clearwater and Snake River Dams at considerable length. In my discussion I mentioned that we are anticipating action by Congress in the very near future. I, of course, did not give the source of any of my information, nor did I discuss any of the pertinent detail. I know it will be heartening to you to know that this organization, with its wide representation in Oregon and Washington made up of both public and private power advocates, are all out in strong support of the Clearwater development. I think we have sold them our case, principally because of the navigation benefits which exist in the Bruce's Eddy and Penny Cliffs projects. It is hard to realize how strongly these people down the main stem of the Columbia River desire navigation benefits. When they can see that the Clearwater projects will make Ice Harbor and other downstream locations more feasible, they will work endlessly for our projects. Among some of those that I discussed this with and I think you know it is Charles Baker of Walla Walla, President of the I.E.W.A. Baker is a strong public power advocate, but also a great leader for navigation in the interests of his wheat growers and farmer organizations along the Columbia. Those fellows really wish to ship their wheat by barge and will work for anything in the way of upstream storage. Your friend Herb West will be in Washington shortly and told me that he thought he could work with Jackson and Magnuson convincing them of the need of our upstream projects for their navigation benefits. Generally speaking, there was a very strong feeling of optimism and mighty strong support from all the organizations throughout the region.

We all feel that it is imperative for early consideration. With the Clearwater and lower Snake authorization, the Hells Canyon issue can well be forgotten before the 1956 campaign, and this to me is an important reason why our republican administration must go forward at every opportunity to show that it is the party for progress and development.

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