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KINSEY M. ROBINSON, PRESIDENT

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The Honorable A. B. Curtis  
Mayor of the City of Orofino  
Orofino, Idaho

Dear Bert:

I have your letter of May 23 enclosing the letter you received from Senator Dworshak.

I do not yet quite understand what Henry has in mind. I was unable to find the Trinity Dam Bill but, as I remember it, it was one of these bills where the Bureau of Reclamation was to work out a plan with a private utility and then bring it back to Congress for approval. This, of course, is a very cumbersome process and almost like giving the Army federal authorization to build the projects. I am sure that if the Army Engineers and the Bureau of the Budget include Bruce Eddy in the omnibus bill, with a recommendation that a period of time be given for working out partnership construction, that the Public Works Committee will look upon it with more favor than Henry feels that it would.

I was told yesterday that at least some of the leaders in Congress say that they are not going to authorize anything on the Clearwater until such time as the court decision has been rendered in the Idaho Power Company case and such congressional investigations as may be started in connection with the same matter have been completed. So possibly nothing will be done about the Clearwater in this session of Congress if my information is correct. However, I think we should make every effort to have Henry do what he can if these projects should be included in the omnibus bill.

Sincerely,



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