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April 8, 1971

Governor Cecil Andrus
Office of the Governor
Boise, Idaho 83702

Dear Governor Andrus:

Before Mr. Don Samuelson left office we had been corresponding with him about the proposed relocation of State Highway 64 between Kamiah and Nezperce. Enclosed are copies of that correspondence for your reference.

The Idaho Chapter of the Wildlife Society continues to oppose the relocation of Highway 64 on the grounds that it constitutes an unnecessary destruction of our natural environment. As you will note in the replies we received from Mr. Samuelson, the official reasons for building the road are somewhat weak, and not always consistent. In fact ^{one might} ~~it is not hard~~ to get the impression that the proposal was nurtured by special interest groups that might stand to benefit financially from having over \$3 million spent in the Kamiah-Nezperce locale. It is also abundantly clear from the petitions and letters of protest coming from the Kamiah area that the relocation ^{is} ~~is~~ unpopular with many of the local citizenry.

The Highway Department has been very quiet about the relocation since making their status report on September 1, 1970. It may be that they are quietly dropping this project for the present. However, the members of the Wildlife Society and the many other relocation opponents in Idaho would like a definite word about the current status of this proposal.

Our Society believes that the relocation plans should ^{be} ~~be~~ dropped entirely, and that the existing highway should be improved instead. We hope that you share these beliefs, and that you will use your influence to terminate this project.

Sincerely yours,

Elwood G. Bizeau, President
Idaho Chapter of the Wildlife Society