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CECIL D. ANDRUS

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The Honorable James A. McClure United States Senate Dirksen Building, Room 2106 Washington, D. C. 20510

Dear Jim:

With reference to your letter of June 6, I am enclosing a copy of my letter to Senator Church, the Committee chairman, which I assume you have as a matter of the Record. I think this letter outlines quite concisely my thinking and that of a majority of the people of the State of Idaho.

I know that you probably are as familiar with the area as I am, Jim, but to arbitrarily draw lines on the map without being on the ground would be no different than what the bill framers have done and I do not choose to make the same mistake that they did.

The sensitive areas that need protection are the Canyon itself, the rim area that is visible from the Canyon, a portion of those waterways leading directly into the Canyon, the Seven Devils area and at least a border for water quality that runs along Rapid River. This protection would accomplish what we want accomplished without unduly causing hardships on some of our natural resource using industries who also use a portion of the area. I don't know who drew the original boundaries of this legislation; but, as usual, they took a good idea and enlarged upon it to where it is unacceptable to many others and to me. Perhaps this was their desire; I don't know. Nevertheless, I think you, Senator Church and others can easily rectify the error and make a more acceptable piece of legislation out of it.

If my letter of May 29 has not been made a part of the Record, I'd appreciate your doing it for me.

Since ely,

CECIL D. ANDRUS

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cc: The Honorable Frank Church

John Hough

Enclosure