

# State of Louisiana



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MILTON E. DUPUY  
PRESIDENT

January 20, 1967

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Dear General Cassidy:

This letter will serve as an official request for a status report on construction progress concerning the proposed flood control structures at the Rigolets, Chef Menteur and Seabrook (Industrial Canal and Lake Pontchartrain).

The Orleans Levee Board would like to know the answers to the following questions

What work is actually taking place at this time toward developing the above mentioned flood control structures?

If construction plans are being developed at this time please advise us as to what progress has been made concerning the plans and specifications.

Let us know what your projected construction schedule is concerning the above mentioned flood control structures. We specifically want to know the projected completion dates for these flood control structures.

Please advise us as to what is being done about federal financing for the above mentioned flood control structures.

Let us know if there are any obstacles that prevent the immediate development and construction of the above mentioned flood control structures and if there are any, please advise us specifically as to what the obstacles may be.



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General Cassidy, the Orleans Levee Board has already provided interim protection for our parish until the flood control structures can be built, however, we can not afford a delay in the start of construction of these vitally needed projects and therefore, we must have your immediate and prompt assistance in order to get them started.

Hurricane Betsy alarmed our citizens. The Orleans Levee Board must act as fast as possible and offer the maximum flood protection for Orleans parish. We need, and we ask for your complete cooperation.

Time is of the essence and we respectfully request a prompt reply. Please answer our questions as fully and as complete as possible.

Sincerely,

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President of the United States

The Honorable Russell B. Long, United States Senator

The Honorable Hale Boggs, United States Representative

The Honorable Allen J. Ellender, United States Senator

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