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Senator J. Bennett Johnston, Jr.
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Dear Bennett:

I was elated to receive your letter of March 9, 1978.

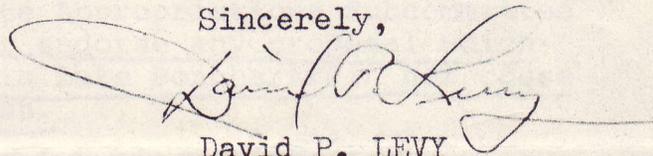
Your position in this matter has certainly made you popular in our area. Also, I am informing the Louisiana Shipbuilding Association.

Enclosed herewith is my proposal, which is an alternative to the Barriers. While this enclosure is fairly detailed, it is still only a concept, portions or all of which could be effected to complete the Lake Pontchartrain Vicinity Hurricane Project, give meaningful hurricane protection to the area and make everybody happy - including the Corps of Engineers and the Orleans Levee Board.

We would appreciate your prompt assistance in the Congress to do what is necessary to: 1) Eliminate the Barriers and 2) Effect an alternative thereto.

Anxiously awaiting your reply, with kindest regards, I am,

Sincerely,



David P. LEVY

cc: Mr. Fred Blossman
Rep. Ed. Scogin
Col. Early Rush, U. S. Corps of Eng., N.O.
Major Gen. Francis Koisch, U. S. Corps of Eng., Wash. D. C.
Times-Picayune
N. O. States Item
Slidell Sentry News
Slidell Daily Times
Louisiana Shipbuilding Assoc.

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Dear David:

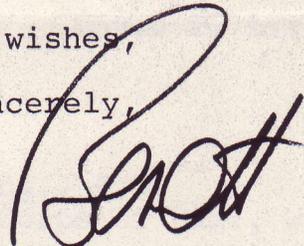
Our mutual friend, Fred Blossman, mentioned to me your concern about the barrier phase of the Lake Pontchartrain Hurricane Protection Plan and I wanted to write you to express my feelings about this matter.

I have never endorsed or approved the barrier portion of the Lake Ponchartrain Hurricane Protection Plan. That part of the plan is now under court-ordered study by the Corps of Engineers. This study will and should examine the alternatives to the barriers, such as increasing the size of the levee system for hurricane protection. I endorsed this study and, indeed, it is my hope that it will reveal that alternatives to the barriers are feasible.

As Chairman of the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Public Works I would never endorse any proposal which would degrade the ecosystem in Lake Ponchartrain nor cause flooding in St. Tammany Parish.

With kindest regards and best wishes,

Sincerely,



J. Bennett Johnston
United States Senator

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