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LOWER MISSISSIPPI VALLEY DIVISION, CORPS OF ENGINEERS  
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January 29, 1990

REPLY TO  
ATTENTION OF

Executive Office

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*Lake Pontchartrain*  
*& Vicinity*  
*Hurr. Prot.*

Honorable J. Bennett Johnston  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Johnston:

This is in response to your letter of December 13, 1989, to Brigadier General Patrick J. Kelly, Director of Civil Works, regarding concerns of Ms. Joan Becnel over construction of the Lake Pontchartrain Hurricane Projection Levee in St. Charles Parish. Ms. Becnel had submitted to you a copy of Resolution No. 3405 adopted by the St. Charles Parish Council concerning this construction.

The process leading to construction of the St. Charles Parish Levee along its present alignment just north of Airline Highway has been a long one. The first construction contract for the St. Charles Levee will be awarded in September 1990. This project is a high priority item, and I will continue to monitor its progress.

The St. Charles Parish Levee will include six gravity drainage structures designed to provide drainage for the approximately 20-square-mile area bounded on the west by the Bonnet Carre Spillway, on the south by the Mississippi River, on the east by the St. Charles Parish boundary, and on the north by the proposed levee north of Airline Highway. The structures are designed to maintain existing interior drainage capability and allow normal tidal interchange.

In accordance with the law authorizing the Lake Pontchartrain Hurricane Protection Project, local interests are responsible for all interior drainage and pumping plants required for reclamation and development of the protected areas. The St. Charles Parish Council submitted to the New Orleans District a permit request to construct four pumping stations in connection with the hurricane protection levee instead of the gravity drainage system we now propose. The New Orleans District is gathering necessary information to process the permit.

As you requested, I am returning the enclosures to your letter. If I may be of further assistance in this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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CECW-EP  
CEL MN-DE/CEL MN-PD  
✓ CEL MV-PD

Arthur E. Williams  
Brigadier General, U.S. Army  
Division Engineer

Enclosures

J. BENNETT JOHNSTON  
LOUISIANA

# United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

December 13, 1989

Brig. Gen. Patrick J. Kelley  
Director of Civil Works  
U. S. Army Corps of Engineers  
Room 7233-CECW-ZA  
20 Massachusetts Avenue, N. W.  
Washington, D.C. 20314-1000

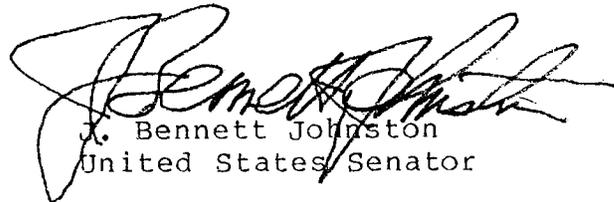
Dear General Kelley:

Because of my desire to be responsive to all inquiries, I respectfully request your consideration of the enclosed material.

I will appreciate your findings and views, in duplicate form, along with the return of the enclosures by January 13, 1990.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely,



J. Bennett Johnston  
United States Senator

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# United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

December 13, 1989

Ms. Joan Becnel  
Council Secretary  
St. Charles Parish Council  
P. O. Box 302  
Hahnville, Louisiana 70057

Dear Ms. Becnel:

Thank you very much for letting me hear from you concerning the Lake Ponchartrain Hurricane Protection Levee in St. Charles Parish.

I will certainly be pleased to look into this matter for you, and have taken the liberty of contacting the appropriate officials here in Washington to request a report. I will be back in touch with you just as soon as I have any additional information.

I appreciate your bringing this to my attention, and send every good wish.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely,

J. Bennett Johnston  
United States Senator

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CECW-EP (335-2-5c) CW9122716

12 JAN 1990

MEMORANDUM FOR COMMANDER, LOWER MISSISSIPPI VALLEY DIVISION

SUBJECT: Lake Ponchartrain Hurricane Protection Levee in St. Charles Parish, LA.

1. The attached correspondence is referred for direct reply. Provide a copy of the final disposition to CECW-EP not later than 16 January 1990.
2. Correspondent has been informed of referral.

FOR THE DIRECTOR OF CIVIL WORKS:

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Encl

TERRENCE C. SALT  
Colonel, Corps of Engineers  
Assistant Director of Civil Works  
Central Region



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12 JAN 1990

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ATTENTION OF:

CECW-EP

Honorable J. Bennett Johnston  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Johnston:

I received your correspondence of December 13, 1989, which enclosed a copy of a letter from a constituent, Ms. Joan Becnel, Council Secretary, St. Charles Parish Council, concerning the Lake Ponchartrain Hurricane Protection Levee in St. Charles Parish.

In the interest of expediting a report on this matter, I have requested the Lower Mississippi Valley Division Engineer to reply directly to you and to furnish me a copy of his report.

Sincerely,

*Terrence C. Salt* LTR, EV  
For

Terrence C. Salt  
Colonel, U.S. Army  
Assistant Director of Civil Works,  
Central Region