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TO SECRETARY The President
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My dear Mr. President:

(Through the National Resources Planning Board)

There is transmitted herewith a letter of June 24, 1940, from the Commissioner, Bureau of Reclamation, submitting a report on a multiple-purpose project in the Boise Basin, Idaho.

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By reference to the report, it will be noted that it proposes to substitute the Anderson Ranch reservoir for the Twin Springs development. A proposal had been made to build the Twin Springs development, at an estimated cost of \$11,296,000, and an appropriation for commencement of construction was contained in the 1938 Interior Department Appropriation Act. Subsequent investigations by the Corps of Engineers, the Department of Agriculture, and the Bureau of Reclamation indicated that the Anderson Ranch site was more desirable for multiple-purpose uses. The 1941 Interior Department Appropriation Act contains language whereby the appropriation made previously for the Twin Springs development can be used for the Anderson Ranch reservoir. Consequently, funds are now available to commence its construction.

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The proposed plan contemplates spending \$13,100,000 for the construction of the Anderson Ranch Dam and Power House on the South Fork of the Boise River and for the making of certain alterations in the outlet works of the existing Arrowrock Dam on the Boise River. The accomplishment of this work will provide a supplemental water supply for 340,000 acres of irrigated lands in the Boise Valley. The irrigation works for 166,000 acres of this area were constructed several years ago by the Bureau of Reclamation. These works included the Arrowrock Dam and the necessary canals, laterals, and drainage systems. In addition to furnishing supplemental water to the lands in the Boise Valley, the proposed project will provide for the generation of about 104,000,000 kilowatt-hours of firm and secondary electrical energy, and for a large measure of flood control throughout the Boise Valley. The dead storage space in the reservoir will furnish the required silt control and in addition will provide a permanent lake which will conserve fish life and provide recreational facilities.

By *J* NARA Date *4/25/71*

Through consultation and agreement with the Chief of Engineers, representing the Secretary of War, \$5,050,000 of the cost of constructing the project has been allocated to flood control, with no reimbursement contemplated. The other allocations include \$4,650,000 to irrigation, to be repaid under the Reclamation Law in forty years without interest, and \$3,400,000 to power development, to be repaid through the sale of firm and secondary power. These allocations equal the estimated cost of the project. This is essentially a multiple-purpose project as it is economically infeasible to obtain benefits separately for flood control, irrigation, power or silt control.

I find that the project is feasible from an engineering standpoint, that it will be economically beneficial and that repayment of the reimbursable costs can be anticipated with assurance. It is consequently authorized for construction under the provisions of Section 9 of the Reclamation Project Act of 1939, and I recommend that its construction be started as soon as practicable with the funds already made available.

Unless you have objections, the letter and report will be transmitted to the Congress in accordance with the provisions of the Reclamation Project Act of 1939.

Sincerely yours,

(Sgd.) HAROLD L. ICKES

Secretary of the Interior.

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