

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF ENGINEERS  
WASHINGTON

May 13, 1946

CE

SPEWF

The Chairman  
Committee on Commerce  
United States Senate  
Washington, D. C.

MAIL



40384

My dear Mr. Chairman:

1. The Committee on Commerce of the United States Senate, by resolution adopted October 12, 1943, requested the Board of Engineers for Rivers and Harbors to review the report on the Boise River, Idaho, contained in House Document Numbered 957, Seventy-sixth Congress, with a view to determining whether or not additional improvements in the interest of flood control are advisable at the present time. Under date of November 10, 1943, the Committee on Flood Control of the House of Representatives requested the Board of Engineers for Rivers and Harbors to review the report on the Boise River and tributaries in Idaho, published as House Document No. 957, Seventy-sixth Congress, Third Session, with a view to determining whether improvements for flood control on the Boise River and tributaries are advisable at this time. I inclose the report of the Board in response thereto.

2. After full consideration of the reports secured from the district and division engineers, the Board recommends that Boise River, Idaho, be further improved by construction, operation and maintenance, by the War Department under the direction of the Secretary of War and supervision of the Chief of Engineers, of Lucky Peak Reservoir with gross capacity of 506,000 acre-feet primarily for flood control, in accordance with the plans of the district engineer and the comments herein and with such changes as in the discretion of the Secretary of War and the Chief of Engineers may be advisable, at an estimated cost of \$10,884,000 for construction and \$35,000 annually for operation and maintenance.

3. After due consideration of these reports, I concur in the views and recommendations of the Board.

Very truly yours,

R. A. Wheeler  
Lieutenant General  
Chief of Engineers