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United States Senate  
Minority Leader

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Dear Friend:

This is in response to a copy of a numerously signed petition which I received recently voicing opposition to the construction of the Wolf Creek Reservoir on the Embarrass River with a dam site near the Coles-Cumberland County line in the vicinity of Charleston, Illinois.

The matter has been discussed in detail with the Chief of Engineers for Civil Works, Department of the Army, and he assured me that no plans are underway for reinstating consideration of the project.

The original proposal was authorized in the Flood Control Act of 1938, but because of the strong opposition expressed by local interests, the authorization to construct the project was cancelled by the Flood Control Act of 1946.

Under the circumstances, the Department of the Army is without legal authority to proceed further in the matter.

With every good wish,



Everett McKinley Dirksen