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Illinois

United States Senate
Minority Leader

Oakley Reservoir

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Dear :

For several years we have followed the proposed multiple-purpose dam and reservoir on the Sangamon River near Oakley for flood control, water supply and recreational purposes.

The Division Engineer recently submitted a favorable report on the proposal which will be considered by the Board of Engineers for Rivers and Harbors at its next meeting on November 13 or 14. After the Board acts the report will be delivered to the Chief of Engineers, who in turn will send it to interested agencies of the Federal Government and the Governor of the State of Illinois. Under established procedure they will be given a period of 90 days in which to submit their suggestions and recommendations. When their comment is forthcoming, the Chief of Engineers will sign the report and turn it over to the Secretary of the Army for transmission to Congress.

The project has been discussed with Congressman William L. Springer and next January we propose to introduce legislation in the House and Senate to authorize the construction of the Oakley Reservoir.

I am glad to note your interest.

Sincerely,

Everett McKinley Dirksen