INDIAN GRAVE DRAINAGE DISTRICT
MAY 5, 1965

Dear ...:

Thank you for your letter concerning the extensive damage which was caused by the break in the Indian Grave Drainage District in the Quincy area.

I have been keeping in close touch with the whole dreadful situation caused by the heavy rains, twisting winds, and pounding waves which heightened the danger in the Upper Mississippi River flood zone. On Friday last, I joined as a co-sponsor of a bill to provide additional assistance for areas suffering a major disaster, and I hope we may be able to get prompt action on the proposal.

As you no doubt know, a delegation from the Upper Mississippi Flood Control Association, representing levees and drainage districts bordering on the Upper Mississippi River in Illinois, Iowa and Missouri, will appear before the House and Senate Appropriations Committees on May 10th and 11th to make a plea for funds for flood control and related projects in that area.

It is my intention to appear before the Senate Committee in the not too distant future and urge that funds be provided to complete these projects.

The preconstruction planning for the flood protection project for the Indian Grave Drainage District will be completed this year. No funds are included in the 1966 budget recommendations to initiate construction, and I am going to urge that $100,000 be included for that purpose. I share your hope that this money will be appropriated even though it does not have budget approval.

Sincerely,

Everett McKinley Dirksen