February 20, 1969

Dear:

This will acknowledge your letter concerning the Oakley Dam and Reservoir Project.

The reservoir conservation pool will cover approximately the six hundred acres of Allerton Park which are normally flooded each Spring. The recreation areas will be preserved, and the Corps of Engineers informed me there will be additional areas for recreation.

This project is an integral part of a comprehensive flood control system for which planning began in 1937. The recommended flood control improvements include not only the multi-purpose reservoir at the Oakley site, but also ninety-eight miles of downstream waterways.

At my request the Corps of Engineers have been restudying the project insofar as Allerton Park is concerned, and the report on their findings will be presented within the next few weeks, in advance of Congressional consideration of the fiscal 1970 budget.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,

Everett McKinley Dirksen