

June 14, 1949.

Senator Tom Connally,
Senate Building,
Washington, D.C.

My dear Senator:

Please accept my thanks for your telegram of this date advising me that the Conference Report had been adopted on the \$500,000.00 Fort Worth flood control item and that the bill would go to the President for signature and the fund will be available.

This is certainly timely and will enable the Army Engineers to continue on their program without interruption.

We have been strongly opposed to the States continuing to dig in to the Treasury Department on every occasion that arises regarding new funds, for development projects; however in this instance the \$500,000.00 is merely an advance payment on something that has already been approved and would be paid out later on anyway. As a matter of fact, if the Trinity Improvement project had been started about two years earlier this disastrous flood in Fort Worth could have been avoided. This appropriation is to expedite the development to avoid a recurrence if possible a little sooner than it otherwise could have been carried out.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

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CC: Senator Lyndon Johnson
Congressman Wingate Lucas