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# United States Senate

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

August 26, 1950

My dear friend:

*Amon*

Knowing of your interest in the Rivers and Harbors appropriation, I thought you would want to know that on August 24 the Conferees agreed that a 10 per cent cut should be made in rivers and harbors items below the amount approved by the Senate. They also agreed that a 12 per cent cut should be made below the amount approved for flood control.

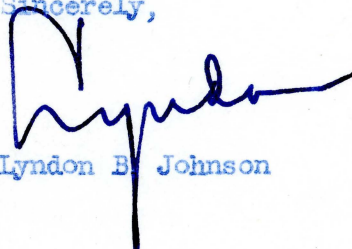
This was in accordance with a letter sent to the Corps of Engineers by the President which reads in part as follows:

"All civil public works, both direct federal programs and grant in aid programs, should be screened with the objective, as far as practical, of deferring, curtailing, or slowing down those projects which do not directly contribute to defense or to civilian requirements essential in the changed international situation."

This does not necessarily mean that the project in which we are interested will be reduced. On the other hand, I thought I should let you know that the President does have authority, if the Conference Report is adopted, to decide which projects are essential to the war effort.

I do not know how this will work out, but I assure you that I shall do everything I can for the essential Texas projects.

Sincerely,

  
Lyndon B. Johnson

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