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JOSEPH L. EGAN  
PRESIDENT

Send the following telegram, subject to the terms on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to

Fort Worth, Texas  
June 21, 1949

Honorable Sam Rayburn,  
Speaker of the House  
The Capitol  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sam: You are familiar with our flood situation which has caused many million dollars of damages and the loss of twelve lives. This entire flood could have been avoided had the Trinity Improvement program of building the Benbrook dam been completed prior to this time PERIOD We appreciate the assistance you have given us. We find that we are in danger of delay from another source PERIOD Benbrook Dam is step number one towards protection of the recently flooded area. The Army Engineers had recommended a four million dollar appropriation for this project for the coming fiscal year and state that amount necessary if the dam is to be completed on schedule by the end of 1950 PERIOD The Senate approved that amount but House approved approximately one million dollars less in the Civil Functions Appropriations Bill. PERIOD This measure now before Senate and House Conferees and understand action may be taken today or tomorrow. If you can consistently do so we will appreciate your contacting the House Conferees and endeavor to get them to agree with the Senate action in order that this program may not be delayed a year longer, thereby avoiding any chance of a similar disastrous flood PERIOD I realize the country is demanding economy in which I thoroughly concur, at the same time this program is important not only to Fort Worth but the entire Trinity River valley which brings it under an extreme emergency. Thanks and best wishes.

AMON G. CARTER