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State House
Phoenix, Arizona

March 8, 1956

Dear Senator Hayden:

I am enclosing herewith a copy of a letter I have written to Congressman Rhodes, which I believe is self-explanatory.

With best regards, I remain

Sincerely yours,

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Honorable Carl Hayden
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Dear Congressman Rhodes:

Hub Moeur contacted me and told me that you wanted to know whether it was advisable to introduce a bill which would authorize the State of Arizona to construct a dam at Bridge Canyon as a State project. He informed me, as I understood it, that you were of the opinion that such a bill could not be passed at this session, but would be solely for the purpose of counteracting a bill which it is anticipated will be introduced by representatives from Nevada, authorizing the State of Nevada to construct a dam at Bridge Canyon as a State project.

As you will recall, Hub Moeur came to Washington in January of last year and discussed with the Congressional delegation the advisability of the introduction of the Central Arizona Project Bill or the proposal to amend the Upper Basin Bill to include the Central Arizona Project. It was my understanding that the delegation advised against this move because of objections made by the Upper Basin States.

Later on, when the Upper Basin Project Bill passed the Senate and was pending before the House, I made a trip to Washington to attend the Governors' Conference, and asked that Wayne Akin meet me there that we might again discuss the question of whether the Upper Basin Bill should be amended in the House. As I understand it, both you and Congressman Udall had written to the Stream Commission in this regard.

At that time, I recommended that you propose three amendments to this Bill:

(1) To authorize diversion of water by the State of Arizona, or any public agency or instrumentality thereof, out of the Glenn Canyon reservoir;

(2) Authorize and direct the Secretary of the Interior to sell to the State of Arizona, either directly or through such public instrumentality as the State might nominate from time to time, 1/3 of the electricity generated at Glenn Canyon Dam, at rates

which would not reflect any charges designed to provide financial assistance for irrigatinn projects in the Upper Basin States;

(3) An amendment which would authorize construction by the State of Arizona of the Marble and Bridge Canyon dams, or either of them, including power features.

Upon my return to Arizona, I asked Hub Moeur to prepare amendments to submit for your consideration for all three of these proposals. This he did in a letter to you of May 10th.

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At the conference with you we were requested not to give any publicity to the suggestions that had been made. I have abided by that request.

I understand that you and Congressman Udall offered the amendment which provided for the construction of the Bridge Canyon Dam as a State project, and that it was rejected. I, of course, would like to see the project authorized, but unless it has a chance of passage I can see no point in introducing it at this time. As a matter of fact, it might hinder the application which the Power Authority expects to renew for permission to construct this dam. They would then say that Arizona had legislation pending before Congress. At least this was the opinion of Sewell Wingfield, Engineer for the Power Authority, when I discussed the matter with him.

It might well be that conditions will change in the future and that you have the strength to get the bill out of Committee. If such should be the case, then I think the Congressional delegation should give careful consideration to the possibility of getting the bill through both the House and Senate.

Thanking you for your consideration of this matter, I remain

Yours very truly,

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