



Executive Office

State House
Phoenix, Arizona

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1944

Honorable Franklin D. Roosevelt
President of the United States
White House
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. President:

On behalf of the people of Arizona I desire to express to you my belief that the treaty between the United States and Mexico, which was signed February 3, 1944, settling the use of the waters of the Colorado River system as between the two countries, is very beneficial to the United States.

It is very important to us that the quantity of water to be delivered to Mexico be determined fairly and finally and in my opinion the treaty is fair to Mexico and is also fair to the United States, and it for all time limits the right of Mexico to 1,500,000 acre-feet per annum.

It is particularly beneficial to Arizona at this time to have this matter finally and definitely settled for the reason that Arizona has recently negotiated a contract with the Secretary of the Interior for water from the main stream of the Colorado River, and the Legislature of Arizona appropriated \$200,000.00 for cooperative surveys and investigations with the Bureau of Reclamation to determine the best and most feasible routes and projects for the utilization of the water of the river in Arizona, and the removal of the uncertainty as to Mexico's use of the water of the Colorado River system makes it possible for the engineers to calculate with reasonable certainty the quantities of water available for use in Arizona under our contract.

Honorable Franklin D. Roosevelt
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For these reasons we very much desire that the treaty be ratified by the United States Senate as soon as possible.

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely,

Governor

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