Lake Pontchartrain, La. and Vicinity, Environmental Mitigation Study

1. Reference three inclosures of correspondence relating to the above subject:

Inclosure 1 contains:
   a. A letter dated 19 Jul 76 from the City of New Orleans to the District.
   b. A letter dated 27 May 76 from the City of New Orleans to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in Lafayette, La.
   c. A letter report dated 15 Jul 76 from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in Lafayette, La. to the City of New Orleans which gives estimates of fish and wildlife losses in the area.

Inclosure 2 contains:
   a. A letter dated 19 May 76 from the District to the City of New Orleans.
   b. A letter dated 19 Apr 76 from the City of New Orleans to the District.

Inclosure 3 contains:
   a. A letter dated 21 Jul 76 from Congressman Hebert to the District forwarding a 3 Jun 76 letter from the City of New Orleans to Congressman Hebert and a 27 May 76 letter from the City of New Orleans to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in Lafayette, La.
   b. A letter dated 28 Jul 76 from the District to Congressman Hebert.

2. The District's 19 May 76 letter (see incl 2) advised Mayor Landrieu that we would study the possibilities of land acquisition and management in the areas involved. It is requested that you make an evaluation of the inclosed Fish and Wildlife report. Then, based on your evaluation, pursue an environmental mitigation study (which would include consideration of land acquisition) of the environmental losses, if appropriate. Please advise us of the time and cost requirements to perform the study.
1. Reference your DF dated 11 August 1976, relating to the above subject.

2. Several questions concerning this study need clarification. Will the study only address the alignment and associated structures presented in the final EIS or will additional modifications (presently under consideration) and alternatives require inclusion in the mitigation study? Will this study include or exclude St. Charles Parish?

3. Accordingly, the scope of a mitigation study must be defined prior to projecting time and cost. It should also be noted that in scheduling such a study, other priorities must be considered.