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Honorable Robert L. Livingston House of Representatives Washington, D. C. 20515-1801 Dear Congressman Livingston:

Thank you for your letter of January 2, 1992, concerning the need to proceed with a contract for construction and Federal cost sharing for parallel hurricane protection along the entire lengths of the Orleans and London Avenue outfall canals in New Orleans.

In accord with the provisions of Public Law 102-104, the Energy and Water Development Appropriations Act, 1992, the Army Corps of Engineers has initiated engineering and design of parallel protection for the New Orleans East Unit of the Lake Pontchartrain and Vicinity, Louisiana, Hurricane Protection project. In the President's Fiscal Year (FY) 1993 budget, which was released today, approximately \$1 million is included to continue engineering and design of parallel protection.

I am advised that, according to the Corps' best estimate, engineering and design will have advanced sufficiently such that construction could begin in the first quarter of FY 1993. As that time approaches, the Corps will work with the local sponsor to develop an appropriate local cooperation agreement that will provide for use of approximately \$4.3 million in FY 1992 construction funds which are available for construction of parallel protection, in accord with Public Law 102-104.

The estimated total project cost of the parallel protection is \$107 million. This is an increase of about \$80 million over the \$27 million total cost of frontal protection and constitutes a significant unanticipated requirement for Federal funds. Further, the parallel protection plan is primarily intended to provide interior drainage which normally is a non-Federal responsibility. These factors preclude a commitment in the FY 1993 budget to provide additional construction funding of parallel protection.

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Honorable William J. Jefferson House of Representatives Washington, D. C. 20515-6020

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Sincerely.

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Nancy P. Dorn Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works)



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Honorable Tom Bevill Chairman Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development Committee on Appropriations House of Representatives Washington, D. C. 20515-6020

Dear Mr. Chairman:

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Honorable J. Bennett Johnston Chairman Subcommittee on Energy and and Water Development Committee on Appropriations United States Senate Washington, D. C. 20510-1802

Dear Mr. Chairman:

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Honorable John B. Breaux United States Senate Washington, D. C. 20510-1803

Dear Senator Breaux:

In accord with the provisions of Public Law 102-104, the Energy and Water Development Appropriations Act, 1992, the Army Corps of Engineers has initiated engineering and design of parallel protection for the New Orleans East Unit of the Lake Pontchartrain and Vicinity, Louisiana, Hurricane Protection project. In the President's Fiscal Year (FY) 1993 budget, which was released today, approximately \$1 million is included to continue engineering and design of parallel protection.

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