

MEMORANDUM

TO: GOVERNOR CALVIN L. RAMPTON  
FROM: GORDON E. HARMSTON  
RE: JORDAN RIVER FLOOD CONTROL

After our meeting on Monday, March 3, 1969, relative to the flood threat in the State of Utah, a tour was taken, with the following people present:

David B. Gardner  
J. Rex Mackay  
Charley Wilson  
Hubert Lambert  
Frank Reeder  
Dana Peck

Ed Hinckley  
Marion Hinckley  
Don Norseth ✓  
F. W. McGregor  
Lee McQuivey  
Dan Lawrence

We toured the Jordan River as far as 123rd South.

In a meeting held immediately after our field examination, it was pretty generally agreed that anything that the Corps of Engineers could do would be of temporary and doubtful help; that the land which is in danger of being flooded is mostly marginal in character, devoted almost entirely to grazing.

Mr. Mackay assured us that the county did not feel like asking for emergency help at this time.

Mr. McGregor pointed out that it is a policy of the Corps of Engineers that local government units should exhaust their own resources before calling on the Federal Government to help. They do have authority on an emergency basis to expend up to \$100,000 on any flood control project which would meet the criteria; this criteria being that the benefits of flood control work would be much greater than any costs involved.

Mr. Marion Hinckley has requested that the Corps of Engineers and people from the Department of Natural Resources tour Utah County with County officials; and he has set up a meeting.

Right now it appears that if any action is to be requested from the Corps of Engineers that it should emanate from the Utah County Commission.

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It was pretty well agreed by all those touring that we should recommend an actual project to increase the carrying capacity of the Jordan River, or that we should reserve the bottom of the valley by zoning for flood plain management.

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