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Gentlemen:

A field examination of the Husted Dam Area was held October 10, 1968. During this field check a general discussion of the operation of the Husted Dam during 1968 showed that unauthorized persons had been pulling boards and putting in boards and have caused some problems for the water users below this construction.

Those present at the meeting were:

- Mr. Dee F. Anderson - Rudy Reclamation and Sportsman's Club
- Mr. Wilford Burton - Rudy Reclamation and Sportsman's Club
- Joe Longson - Lessee of the Thomas E. Jeremy properties
- Edwin J. Skeen - Attorney of the Harrison and west sides duck clubs
- Paul Maucher - Commissioner on the Lower Jordan River
- Donald C. Norseth - Distribution Engineer, Division of Water Rights
- Bryce Montgomery - Area Engineer, Division of Water Rights

During the discussion at the Husted Dam site, Mr. Anderson and Mr. Burton expressed concern that in spite of the past agreements and decisions from the State Engineer's Office, unauthorized persons had been pulling the boards of the Husted Dam. They stated that this regulation had caused impairment of the flow right of the Rudy Reclamation and Sportsman's Club.

Mr. Skeen pointed out that the only diversions the Harrison Club made from this structure were to the west of the dam proper and that the pipe east of the dam was merely a high water release installed by someone other than the Harrison

Club. It was also pointed out that duck hunters and others in the area had changed the boards as they themselves felt necessary.

A general discussion of the difficulty of regulation experienced by the commissioner was held, and it was pointed out that under full head the commissioner could not pull the boards from the bents. The installation of gates, the repair of the Harrison Canal and the installation of diversion and measuring devices was deemed necessary before efficient operation of the Husted Dam could be accomplished.

It was further pointed out that the Rudy Reclamation and Sportsman's Club and the Harrison Club as well as the other users of water from the Surplus Canal, should install diverting works that will allow measurement and regulation of their water use. It is noted that the Harrison Club has several outlets to the west of the dam. If Mr. Thomas Jeremy is to in any way use the Husted Dam for flooding of his land, he should file a change application to cover this point of diversion. These necessary diverting works should be installed before September 1, 1969.

As a temporary and immediate measure, it was agreed by those present that Joe R. Longson be appointed as assistant to Mr. Paul Maucher with the sole duty of regulating this diversion in accordance with Mr. Maucher's instructions. He was to have the full authority of a deputy commissioner in this regulation. Mr. Paul Maucher, Lower Jordan River Commissioner, then stated that with the additional help of Mr. Longson, he felt that they could keep the gate properly regulated for the remainder of the duck season.

It was concluded that only authorized persons could regulate the Husted Dam, in this case, Mr. Maucher or Mr. Longson, and that all water users, especially the west side clubs, would install the necessary structures to properly regulate their water rights from the Surplus Canal Channel.

Yours very truly,

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