

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
BUREAU OF RECLAMATION

WILDA BUILDING, 1441 WELTON STREET

DENVER, COLO.

July 31, 1931

Mr. George M. Bacon,
State Engineer,
Salt Lake City, Utah.

Dear Mr. Bacon:

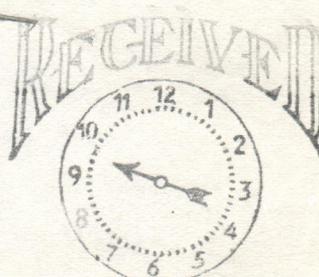
The situation as to administration of water rights decrees in the Uinta Basin, referred to in your letter of July 24, 1931, possibly does not appear as serious to me as it does to you. Administration of the streams through a gentlemen's agreement, so long as it works, seems to me very desirable as it obviates much expense. There is nothing in the present situation that would militate against construction of works by the bureau. The distribution of waters from our reservoirs is an operating matter and operation will be the concern of the interests for whom the reservoir would be built rather than the bureau, just as it is in the case of the Echo reservoir.

The matter of the survey of a canal line from Lake Fork to Uintah River, referred to in another letter of the same date, has been discussed with Mr. Walter who is of the opinion that the feasibility of the canal is quite evident and that its small cost as indicated by Mr. Larson's reconnaissance report, hardly warrants its consideration as a part of the storage works. I am in agreement with this conclusion.

Very truly yours,

Elihu D. Head

Commissioner



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