

June 21, 1941

M E M O R A N D U M

To: Honorable Herbert B. Mow
Governor of Utah
Building

From: Mr. T. H. Humphreys
State Engineer

Referring further to my memorandum of June 19 relating the Price River-Gooseberry project, permit me to advise that Congressman Granger wired as follows yesterday - June 20:

"OBSTACLE PREVENTING PRESIDENTIAL APPROVAL OF PRICE RIVER GOOSEBERRY PROJECT IS REMOVED PRESIDENTIAL APPROVAL MAY BE EXPECTED SHORTLY"

This is about the same information we have been receiving for some time past, and it is my thought, therefore, that greater pressure should be brought to bear on the Bureau of Reclamation, also the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture. May I suggest for your consideration, therefore, that you wire the Utah congressional delegation or any one of them who can bring the greatest pressure somewhat as follows:

Proposed Telegram

"AM ADVISED THAT FULL ENGINEERING REPORT ON PRICE RIVER GOOSEBERRY PROJECT INVOLVING CONSTRUCTION GOOSEBERRY AND BOOFIELD DAMS COMPLETED AND RECOMMENDED BY BUREAU OF RECLAMATION ALSO THAT DEPARTMENTS OF INTERIOR AND AGRICULTURE ARE IN FULL AGREEMENT ON PROJECT CONSTRUCTION STOP CAN I THEREFORE URGE YOU TO TAKE ALL STEPS POSSIBLE TO SECURE APPROVAL OF THIS PROJECT BY THE PRESIDENT UNDER THE CASE WHIKLER ACT"

Even though the obstacle has been removed, as stated by Mr. Granger, such a telegram as proposed could possibly do no harm and may help, particularly if it is followed up on your arrival in Washington, D. C. Moreover, the knowledge that such a telegram has been sent by the Governor would be heartening to the water users affected - the whole of Sanpete and Carbon counties.

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