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Mr. T.H. Humpherys  
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RE: Reply to Geo. Milner

Dear Mr. Humpherys;

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of May 13th. and also of June 5th.

I read your letter of May 13, with some amusement, since I know George Milner very well, and know that he is subject to making just such statements. I am however very sorry that I neglected to answer as you requested, since it places you in a rather embarrassing position, in not being able to answer him.

To begin with I have never made any deductions of water to any canal during the season of 1939. I have reduced all primary water to the ditches as it normally falls, and have allowed them a credit in acre feet for the value of such water. As a matter of fact I allowed the Wellington Canal an added amount of 335.2 acre feet for delivery loss on reservoir water, during the season of 1939, as you will note in my report of 1939 page 33, at the top under the heading of Water Rights. The Railroad Company and the Cities of Price & Helper never use in any normal year all of the water they own. In 1934 is the only year in which they used in excess of the water they own. In the latter part of each year the efficiency drops so low that practically all of their rights are needed, but they have been sufficient.

I understand that the water master Lincoln Marshall, has to make a deduction on primary water to take care of delivery loss within his ditch. That is, I set the efficiency of Primary water at the head of the ditch and it is up to the water masters to pro rate that water to all users. This varies in all ditches, but all are handled alike, but with which I have nothing to do. The Wellington Canal would have about a 15% loss in delivery, The Carbon Canal about 25%, the Price Canal 10%, and the Spring Glen Canal 20%.

Hoping this will explain, I am,  
Yours very truly,

Ralph P. Anderson