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Mr. Clifton W. Johnson
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Dear Cliff:

RE: APPLICATION NO. 16236-a

I have prepared an answer to the letter of Ralph A. Gardner concerning the proof on his application to be completed by the December 31 deadline.

I realize that the standards that we would like to maintain in the submitting of proof cannot be met in this instance but I also realize that standards of even lower use have been accepted and will receive an award in the forthcoming decree.

Apparently our biggest error in this matter occurred when we set the December 31, 1959, deadline. At that time we should have indicated that we would require crops to be raised and harvested during the season of 1959 in order to meet the deadline. Since we did not require this we have put ourselves in the position which is not desirable but which is, perhaps, forced upon us.

I have signed the letter to Mr. Gardner and if you wish you may send it out from your office. If there are modifications you may desire indicate them and return the letter and after consideration it will be redrafted. It is my feeling that all letters sent to water users in Escalante Valley should go through your office for comment and correction if necessary. I also feel that you should not send water users to this office for decisions unless they are accompanied by a statement from you of what you are recommending in this situation or, in the alternative, you should transmit to us, under separate cover, what your ideas on these situations are. It is practically impossible for us to completely back up your position in Escalante Valley unless we are made fully aware of what your position is in each instance. In the past, correlation in this regard has been very poor and as a result the water users have been playing one part of the office against the other. We hope in the future to be able to work more closely with you in these respects and do not feel that we should make a decision here without your knowledge of it or without the benefit of what recommendations you may have.

Yours truly,

Hubert C. Lambert
DEPUTY STATE ENGINEER

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