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Major General S. D. Sturgis, Jr.  
Chief of Engineers  
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Department of the Army  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Sam:

Although my overlap with Em Itschner was short, we were able to go over a lot of points together and meet all of the District Engineers before he left today. At Em's suggestion I shall spend most of next week going over our projects in Alaska before winter really closes in.

On the assumption that you like to hear from your Division Engineers at least monthly, I shall summarize the high points of activities in NPD.

During the month of October contracts were awarded for military construction at a total cost of \$50,600,000. Included in this amount is \$33,585,000 for the basic contract covering the construction of the POL pipeline from Haines to Fairbanks, Alaska. Award was made to a combination of American and Canadian firms, and completion of construction is required by September 1955. Additional future charges for other items to complete the line probably will cause the total cost to approach \$36,000,000 as compared to the \$40,000,000 authorized.

Also awarded was a contract for the construction of the temporary dock facility at Whittier, Alaska, composed of two DeLong barges with approach facilities. Beneficial occupancy of this facility is scheduled for 1 February 1954.

On the guided-missile program all actions have been suspended in accordance with instructions contained in OCE message of 28 October 1953. All documents which were being prepared will be filed for future reference. The Seattle and Walla Walla District Engineers have pursued this program with the single thought in mind to obtain construction of the facilities at the time required by the Department of the Army. I am sure you realize that it is disappointing to experience a complete shutdown in progress on a job such as this when all of our people have been endeavoring to accomplish design of facilities which we understood were urgently required.

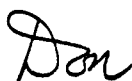
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The McNary pool continued filling on schedule from elevation 319 on the first to 334.5 on 31 October. The navigation lock was reopened to traffic on 21 October. The first generator is now undergoing service tests and will commence service to the Bonneville Power Administration pool on 5 November.

I am intensely interested in the important work the Corps is doing in this Division and most favorably impressed with the division staff, as well as the field organizations visited thus far. I shall undertake to advise you personally on important matters which I may develop during the extensive succession of field trips which I am arranging within the Division.

Sincerely yours,



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