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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR OF CIVIL WORKS *John:*

SUBJECT: Lakeshore Management

This is in response to your August 31 action memorandum regarding lakeshore management. I have reviewed your proposed letter to the field regarding the interpretation of existing guidance relating to management of Corps of Engineers project lands. I do not think that it would be appropriate at this time to go forward with this letter, which would encourage the field to reconsider their policies regarding the use of project lands by private interests and to encourage such use.

Your proposed letter, as you know, stemmed from the Administration's initiative to increase the revenues from Government-owned properties in those cases where such lands were found to be necessary to meet current or projected agency requirements. It seems to me that if we are to have proposals which are consistent with that objective, we must address the level of fees to be charged simultaneously with the issues of the magnitude of lands made available and the purposes for which those lands are made available to private interests.

Accordingly, I would like you to develop a complete package which addresses both the level of fees charged and the emphasis placed in the management plans themselves on the private use of Corps properties. This package should focus on the general theme of increasing Government revenues and thus benefits to American taxpayers. It should recognize that the American people benefit from Corps projects not only through the direct benefits they may receive as "users" but also through the indirect benefits from the revenues generated from the use of projects by other private individuals who pay fees reflective of the benefits which they receive.

*Bill*

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