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Honorable James O. Eastland United States Senate Washington, D. C. 20510

Dear Senator Eastland:

Thank you for your recent letter supporting the Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway project.

Meeting with the officials of the Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway Development Association and supporters of the project was most informative and helpful. I regret you were unable to attend but appreciate your taking the time to express your interest by letter.

I understand your interest in this project, and I certainly hope that in our review of the 1972 budget we will find it possible to provide adequate funding for it. However, I must point out that the revenue outlook, compared to the magnitude of high priority budget needs, may force us to defer or limit funds for many worthwhile Federal projects in fiscal year 1972.

Nevertheless, I hope that it will be possible for us to proceed either now or in the near future at the desired rate of development for the "Tenn-Tom" and other Federal projects.

Many thanks again for your letter.

Sincerely,

Caspar W. Weimberger

Deputy Director