Dear Sir,

There has been no improvement in the water supply situation during the past ten days. The river is now carrying 200 sec. feet and we are drawing 625 sec. feet out of the reservoir. The reservoir is 5 ft. 7 in. below the high water mark and is falling about 2 inches a day. There is about forty days run left, and anyone wanting to reserve late water, can do so by ordering it out and holding it back.

If a rain should occur in the mountains, I believe that the river will stay up fairly well and might possibly give more water than we figure at the present time. However, this is uncertain and cannot be depended upon.

The State Engineer has taken over the situation on the Laramie River; all later appropriators are shut off; and we hope to get some action in the U. S. Court this week relative to the Colorado - Wyoming case.

I will get out a letter every ten days and keep you in touch with the situation.

Very truly yours,

[Signature]

J. A. Elliott
Mr. Delph E. Carpenter,
Interstate River Compact Commissioner,
Capitol Building,
Denver, Colorado.

Dear Carpenter:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of September 1 in regard to the release of water from Pathfinder Reservoir.

I would advise that it is my understanding that the Bureau of Reclamation is allowing more than a normal release from Pathfinder this season by reason of the fact that they wish the reservoir drawn down to the extent that will allow a large storage of flood waters next season and thereby control the flow of water in the river in the interest of the work now in progress at the Guernsey Dam. Conditions are such at the dam that a discharge of the river up to a certain point would not aect the work, although a greater flow would flood certain parts of the work and thereby cause damage and delay. I have been watching the record of Pathfinder release as the reports come to me and am aware of the fact that there will be a comparatively small “carry-over” this year. The principal reason for the heavy draft is, I believe, due to the cause given above. However, I will be pleased to give the matter further attention in line with your suggestions. If the government should be endeavoring to give color to the asserton that Pathfinder Reservoir and water rights established thereunder entirely control the river, we of course would want to know the fact. Comparison of the discharge records of this year with those of previous years may shed some light upon the subject. I will not fail to give the question serious consideration.

Yours very truly,

[Frank Emerson]
State Engineer.