REMARKS BY
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ASST. COMMISSIONER, BUREAU OF RECLAMATION
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
AT THE GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY FOR
THE MANSON UNIT, CHIEF JOSEPH PROJECT
NEAR CHELAN, WASHINGTON, FEBRUARY 15, 1972

Participating in a groundbreaking ceremony for
a new Reclamation project is always a pleasure. For
me this one is especially pleasurable. Having been
headquartered in the Pacific Northwest for 13 years
before transferring to Washington, D.C., I have
a personal interest in all that goes on here.

Beyond that it is a real privilege to share in
this ceremony with Congressman Tom Foley. I had
occasion to appear before the House Interior and
Insular Affairs Committee many times when Tom was a member of that Committee, and his very presence gave me a feeling of comfort. I consider him to be one of the finest, fairest, most competent men in the Congress.

Another reason for being glad to be here is that I know from long years of experience what a project like this can do for people. It will mean a better quality life for the ones directly served, and indirectly it will benefit thousands of people elsewhere in the community, the State, and the Nation.

Many of you folks of north-central Washington know what I mean. Some of the greatest structures ever designed and built by man are located in this area. But it is not those structures in themselves of which we are most proud/ or for which we are the
most thankful. Rather it is the multitude of purposes for which the projects were built and the tremendous benefits to man that have resulted and will continue to result for generations to come. We have only to look at some of the projects—the Columbia Basin, the Yakima, the Greater Wenatchee—which are now so much a part of the sociologic and economic life of this area in order to understand my pride in helping to launch another Reclamation project.

The Lake Chelan Pumping Plant will be a key facility of the Manson Unit. While it is not on the same scale of a Third Powerhouse at Grand Coulee Dam, perhaps, it nevertheless is a major project, to those who will directly benefit, and one which will play a large role in the total life of this area in future years.
The Manson Unit, when completed, will provide a supplemental water supply to 4,175 acres which are now being irrigated, and a full water supply for the irrigation of another 2,050 acres of presently dry land. The importance of the project water supply looms large when we realize that the lands to which it will assure a firm water supply are already planted to some of the finest fruit orchards in the world.

In other words, in addition to providing the water to keep present orchards in production, the project will bring a fifty percent increase in irrigated acreage in the project area. The economic impacts of this are easy for you folks to understand, I'm sure.

The Manson Unit will maintain the quality of the natural environment. Lake Chelan is without doubt one of the most scenic lakes to be found
anywhere. The drawdown of the water level of this magnificent lake by reason of the Manson Unit pumping operations, will only be about 3 inches. The change in the lake's level caused by project operations will not be visibly identifiable. Use of the lake and the shoreline for recreation will not be affected to any discernable degree.

At the pumping plant site, we plan to work out aesthetically acceptable landscaping, in cooperation with the Chelan County Planning Commission. Project storage tanks will be treated similarly to maximize their aesthetics.

By pumping from Lake Chelan, the operation of Antilon Lake for irrigation will cease. Development of the Manson Unit will not affect the quality of water in Antilon Lake since the runoff from Antilon and
Mitchell Creeks will still be stored there. Stabilization of the water level in Antilon Lake will provide opportunity for additional recreational and fishery development at the lake.

In proceeding with construction of the Manson Unit, our contract specifications will include provisions to minimize water and air pollution during construction, and all activity will comply with Federal and State laws and regulations concerning control and abatement of water pollution.

We look forward to continued harmonious relationships with the Lake Chelan Irrigation District and the Bovee and Crail Construction Company as we move forward to bring the Manson Unit to fruition. We also look forward to close cooperation with all other
interests to assure that the Manson Unit will be a Reclamation project of which we can all be proud.

You are probably aware that the Manson Unit is being undertaken this year with an allotment of $1,200,000 in construction funds, but you might not be aware that this is part of the largest dollar program ever authorized for the Bureau of Reclamation?

Our total construction program this year has a dollar level which is $74 million above last year. This is a 33 percent increase and represents a big step in a program by the administration to cut into an authorized backlog of needed Reclamation work in the West which now stands at $5.8 billion.

A good share of this year's construction appropriation will go into the state of Washington. The
Third Powerhouse at Grand Coulee Dam has an allocation of $91 million. This and other expenditures such as those scheduled here at the Manson Unit will have an immediate beneficial effect on this state's economy. The long-range benefits will be far greater as the wealth producing effects of developing your water resources becomes fully realized.

By pulling together as you folks have done in achieving the authorization, and now the start of construction of the Manson Unit, we can continue to develop the perpetually renewable/wealth-generating water and land resources of the west for the long-range benefit of mankind.
Please accept my congratulations for your dedication and perseverance, and my pledge for continued support of programs of this type.

Thank you.
GROUND-BREAKING CEREMONY

MANSON, WASHINGTON
FEBRUARY 15, 1972

U.S. Department of the Interior
Bureau of Reclamation
Lake Chelan Reclamation District
MANSON UNIT

The Manson Unit of the Chief Joseph Dam Project was authorized to be constructed by the Bureau of Reclamation by Public Law 89-557 enacted September 7, 1966. The Unit is located in Chelan County, Washington, and borders the north shore of the lower end of Lake Chelan. The primary purpose of the project is to supply irrigation water to 4,003 acres of land now generally in orchards and 2,052 acres of land not now irrigated.

The facilities to be constructed include a main pumping plant on Lake Chelan, a series of eight relift pumping plants, 12 regulating reservoirs, and 71 miles of buried pipeline which will deliver water at sprinkler pressure to the farms. The total estimated cost of the project is slightly over $15 million.

A contract for construction of the Lake Chelan Pumping Plant was awarded to the Bovee and Crail Construction Co. on November 12, 1971. The contract bid price is $1,413,057 with the work to be completed in the summer of 1974. Bids will be solicited on the remaining facilities next spring and summer with the entire system scheduled to be completed by the spring of 1975.

GROUND BREAKING

MANSON UNIT, CHELAN DIVISION
CHIEF JOSEPH DAM PROJECT
WASHINGTON
February 15, 1972

11:30 a.m.
Chelan Pumping Plant Site - Lake Chelan

Master of Ceremonies
Edward J. Armbruster
Secretary-Manager
Lake Chelan Reclamation District

Invocation
Rev. Howard Buck
Manson Community Methodist Church

Remarks by:
Graydon Templin, President
Lake Chelan Reclamation District
Lloyd Nordquist, Vice-President
Bovee and Crail Construction Co.
Boyd Walter
Project Construction Engineer
Bureau of Reclamation

12:00 Noon
Lunch - Grange Hall, Manson, Washington

Master of Ceremonies
Edward J. Armbruster

Introduction of Guests

Remarks by:
Gilbert G. Stamm
Assistant Commissioner
Bureau of Reclamation
Fred Hahn, Assistant Director
Department of Ecology
Representing the Hon. Dan Evans,
Governor, State of Washington
Hon. Thomas S. Foley
U.S. Representative from Washington