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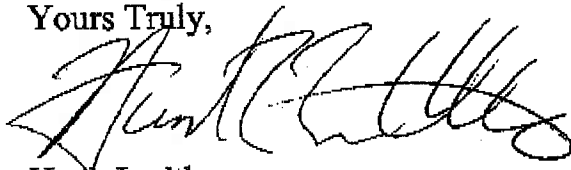
Dear Sir,

Once again I've looked over the project choices and believe the only choice is to still divert water for the Valley from the Missouri Basin, if not by the original plan, than I suggest the GOU Import to the Sheyenne River. Our area on the Ottetail River has been suffering from low moisture content since the late 1970's. According to the Palmer Drought Severity Index it will get worse this century. Suggestions to change this is to change spring planting procedures in the Valley and on the tributaries of the Red River.

- 1) Control runoff! Keep the water you get in the spring.
- 2) Flood Control! This does not mean build a bigger dike that your neighbor.
- 3) Quit building in harm's way! Don't let greed out weigh common sense, you're covering the best crop land in this country with concrete and tar.
- 4) The cities in the valley have outgrown their resources! Do not impose their problems on us to pay for a solution that will cause harm to our aquifers and future growth.
- 5) Realize that the south end of the basin thaws first! Don't continue to cause flood insurance problems that the rest of us pay for.
- 6) Be a good neighbor and live with what you have!

These comments are my own and not to be confused with my office as Mayor of Frazee, the Becker County Park Board or my position with Red River Basin Commission.

Yours Truly,



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