August 21, 1950

HONORABLE SPESSARD L. HOLLAND
UNITED STATES SENATE
WASHINGTON, D. C.

Dear Senator Holland:

Following our conversation with you in regard to S. 3707, the New England—New York Resources Survey bill, we drafted language which would, we hope, achieve the objective you seek, namely to limit the area of New York to be included in the proposed survey.

We attach a copy of the bill with the suggested changes. We do not know whether the language is perfect from the point of view of legal draftmanship but if it meets your point of view, the technical language can easily be worked out.

In the attached bill a few minor changes are also made to meet the request of the Department of Commerce for inclusion in the proposed survey commission.

It is our hope that you will see fit to accept this bill with the proposed changes and to recommend to your subcommittee that there be written a favorable subcommittee report.

As we have told you, it is our plan to request the President to undertake, through Executive action, the establishment of a commission along the lines set forth in S. 3707. However, all the sponsors of the bill and Representative John McCormack in the House feel that a favorable subcommittee report would provide a friendly legislative background for the request which we propose to make to the President.

An early indication of your reaction to these suggestions would be gratefully received.

Yours very sincerely,

Theodore Francis Green

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