June 15, 1953

Honorable Henry M. Jackson
Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs
United States Senate
Washington, D. C.

Dear Scoop:

In regard to your letter of June 11 and your proposed bill, I would be more than glad to join in sponsoring this proposal. I agree entirely with the purpose of this bill. We are now confronted with a situation on the Niagara River where, if it had not been for a reservation attached to the Treaty of 1950 with Canada -- a reservation conveying essentially the same meaning as proposed in your bill -- private interests would have already secured a license to preempt the Niagara development. As it is, a great drive is now under way to secure enactment of legislation authorizing the issuance of a private license for the Niagara project.

I hope that I can look to you for some help in opposing this legislation which is sponsored in the Senate by Senators Capehart and Martin.

Very sincerely yours,