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The Honorable Robert J. Dole
House Office Building
Washington, D.C.

Dear Bob:

For as long as I can remember I have had a deep personal interest in the Grand Canyon which is Arizona's most splendid scenic wonder, and in my State's desperate need for water. The two are inextricably linked by the Colorado River since it is a vital factor of both the Canyon and the water supply of Arizona.

I have explored the Canyon and the River by boat, by foot and by airplane. I have a profound love and respect for both, and it is with that background and for that reason that I want you to know how I feel about H. R. 4671, The Colorado River Basin Project Act. Hopefully the Bill will shortly come to the floor of the House for consideration.

It is my firm conviction that because of the extent and complexity of water problems in Arizona and the other six states of the Colorado Basin, a federally financed and constructed project as proposed by H. R. 4671 is necessary. The national reclamation program is best suited to the broad regional concept which alone offers hope of matching water supply to needs. The Lower Basin Development Fund proposed in H. R. 4671 is similar to the fund which now operates for the four Upper Colorado Basin States. That fund receives revenues from the operation of Glen Canyon Dam. The Lower Basin Fund, to be effective, must receive revenues from power generating dams in the Lower Basin.

I have heard the arguments of the opponents of the proposed dams at Bridge Canyon and at Marble Canyon, and I have done much soul searching in that connection. In weighing the urgent needs of people for water against the preservation of every last foot of Canyon scenery, I must choose to favor water supply for people.

FOX RIVER BOND
25% COTTON

Congressman Dole

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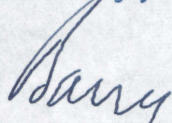
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Really it is not a difficult decision to make in the case of the dam in Bridge Canyon. The dam site is at least 80 miles below the boundary of Grand Canyon National Park, and 50 miles below the National Monument. Bridge Canyon is not one of the spectacularly beautiful parts of Grand Canyon, but the lake will provide a most beautiful waterway for public enjoyment of an otherwise inaccessible area. This, plus the fact that power generation at the dam will produce more than \$500,000,000 for the Development Fund leads me to endorse its construction.

I have more difficulty about Marble Canyon because the Canyon here is so spectacular. But I must make the same concession to the need of people for water. I wish it were not essential to the total Project. In any event, however, the dam site is 12 river miles above the National Park.

Please understand that I remain firm in the political and economic philosophy for which I am rather well known, and in urging you to give favorable consideration to H. R. 4671 I do not compromise my philosophy. I simply believe that the basic need of people for water can best be met by the terms of this legislation.

Sincerely,



Barry Goldwater