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January 20, 1986

The Honorable James McClure
Chairman
Subcommittee on Interior Appropriations
SD-114
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator McClure:

As you may recall, The Friends of the Minnesota Valley have been working with members of the Minnesota U.S. Congressional delegation toward completion of the MN Valley National Wildlife Refuge. We are very pleased that the House and Senate agreed to include 1986 monies for Refuge land acquisition and visitor center planning in the 1986 continuing resolution. The ability to move forward on this effort is very exciting for us and the future of the Refuge system.

The Refuge and planned visitor's center have special qualities we would like to share with you. We wish to invite you and Don Knowles to meet with us and view the Refuge at our expense during the next few weeks. The purpose of the meeting would be to show you the rural, urban and scenic attributes of the visitor center site; and to discuss our plans to meet needs for visitor center programming in urban areas.

Even though budget times are difficult, we feel it is critical to educate the public towards wildlife conservation and a conservation ethic of substance including actions individuals and groups can do on their own.

We are very grateful to you and the members of the subcommittee for your support and commitment to our wild lands. Arrangements for a visit can be made by a telephone call to myself, Mike Bosanko or Dr. Shirley Asklund at the below listed phone numbers. We are looking forward to this beginning.

Sincerely yours,

Elaine M. Mellott
Board

Phone numbers:

Elaine Mellott, Board (W)853-6086
Mike Bosanko, President (H)881-0258 after 3:30p.m.
Dr. Shirley Asklund, Board (W)830-9339

cc: J. Erickson
M. Bosanko ✓
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January 20, 1986

Senator Rudy Boschwitz
SH 506 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Boschwitz:

On behalf of the Board of Directors and the members of the Friends of the Minnesota Valley, I want to express our thanks to you for all the support you gave us in our successful effort to secure a Federal appropriation (FY' 86) of \$2 million for land acquisition and \$600,000 for the design and planning of a visitors' center for the Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge. Without the help of you and your staff, as well as that of the rest of the Minnesota Congressional delegation, these appropriations would probably not have been possible.

We are especially pleased about obtaining funds for the planning of the visitors' center, and are looking forward to taking part in the design and review progress in the coming months. Such a facility will do so much to enhance the refuge as a place for the enjoyment of people and wildlife alike.

Best regards,

Michael A. Bosanko, President
Friends of the Minn. Valley

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January 20, 1986

Ms. Judy Erickson
Office of Sen. Dave Durenberger
154 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Judy:

Thanks so much for the part you played in the successful effort to get funding for the Refuge for FY '86. The approval of \$2 million for land acquisition and \$600,000 for visitors' center planning (less the deficit-reduction deduction) represents a real success for the Minn. Valley National Wildlife Refuge. We here are especially excited about the appropriation for the visitors' center planning, and we're making plans to be an integral part of the review process as the design plans are prepared.

Elaine is writing to Don Knowles of Sen. McClure's staff to invite him to visit the refuge soon. If he can come, we'd like to have you be part of the trip. Elaine will be in touch with you on this.

We're counting on you to continue to be our strong right arm at the Capitol. Thanks again.

Best,

Mike Bosanko, President

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COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

January 23, 1986

Honorable James McClure
Chairman
Subcommittee on Interior Appropriations
SD 114
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Jim:

I appreciated the attention and consideration you have given to my requests for funding under the Interior Appropriations Bill. As you know, the people of Minnesota have a significant interest in many of the programs and specific projects covered by the Interior Bill.

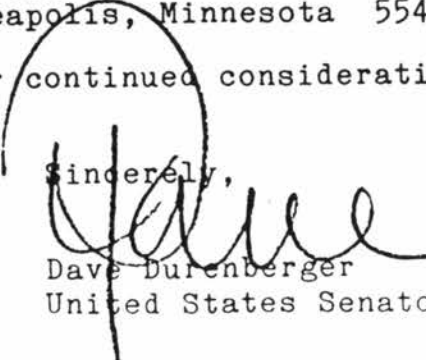
I am gravely concerned that the budget constraints imposed upon us by Gramm-Rudman-Hollings will severely limit our ability to manage this nation's vast wealth of natural resources, particularly our forests and parks. I recognize that funds available for particular projects will be even more scarce. I would welcome the opportunity to testify before your Subcommittee on these issues as well as the Minnesota projects which you are already familiar with.

You may remember that last year, I invited you to stop off and visit Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge while enroute to Idaho. I urge you to consider a side trip to the Refuge this winter or spring. If you do you will see that this is truly a unique and valuable component of the national wildlife refuge system, and why it evokes such a strong sense of pride in many Minnesotans.

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Again, I appreciate your continued consideration and support on these issues.

Sincerely,


Dave Durenberger
United States Senator

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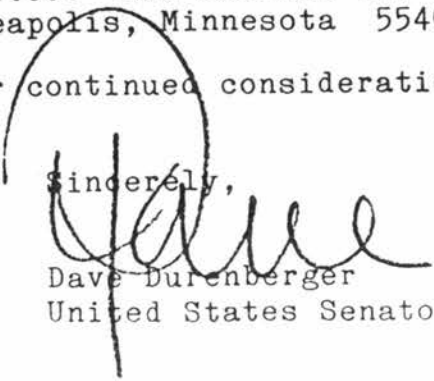
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Dear Senator McClure:

As you may recall The Friends of the Minnesota Valley have been working with members of the Minnesota U.S. Congressional delegation, especially Senator Dave Durenburger, and Congressmen W. Frenzel, M. Sabo, and J. Obestar toward obtaining LAWCON funds to complete the Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge and Recreation Area. We have been unsuccessful in that endeavor during five of the last six years.

The Friends are committed to the importance of this project to the U.S. and Minnesota and want to see it completed as Congress mandated in 1976. The Refuge has many special qualities we would like to show you and share with you. Therefore we wish to invite you and Jeff Celik, your staff director, to meet with us and visit the Refuge at our expense sometime during the next few months.

April and May are the times of peak bird migration and animal activity, but you could see the Valley's beauty earlier than that too. Please let us know what dates would best work for you. We hope you can accept our invitation so we can make this project real for you and the subcommittee. So many positive events have happened to favor this project we hope it can continue to reflect the best of the Senate's interior directives.

Please respond at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely yours,

Elaine M. Mellott

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Legislative Director

Attachment: Refuge background info

cc: Jeff Celik
Judy Erickson
Mike Bosanko, President
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February 5, 1985

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The Honorable Bill Frenzel
1026 Longworth House Office Bldg.
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Frenzel:

The primary goal of the Friends of the Minnesota Valley for 1985 is to secure substantial funding from Congress for land acquisition and program development at the Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge. To reach this goal, we need your active involvement as a member of our Honorary Board of Directors, as you will note in our 1985 Action Plan, which is enclosed.

The enclosed letter to Senator Dave Durenberger is the same as that sent to Senator Rudy Boschwitz and Congressmen Martin Sabo, Bruce Vento, Jim Oberstar, and Bill Frenzel, and contains our funding requests for fiscal year (FY) 1986. Although in 1984 Congress appropriated \$1 million for land acquisition and made authorizations for \$29.5 million for land acquisition and \$9.0 million for visitor center construction permanent, a large share of this authorized funding still remains to be appropriated. Senator Durenberger has made funding for the refuge his number one appropriations priority for FY'86, and those of you who are asked to contact him (see below) should thank him for this commitment. In addition to our Congressional delegation, another key player is Senator James McClure, Chairman of the Interior Subcommittee on Appropriations; he has been invited to visit the refuge this spring.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, I am asking for your help in the following ways:

1) Write or call these Congressmen and/or Senators, asking for their sponsorship of and active support for our 1985 funding requests:

Sen. James McClure, Senate Office Bldg, Washington
D.C. 20510 (202) 224-2752

Rep. James Oberstar, House Office Bldg, Wash. D.C. 20515
(202) 225-6211

Any additional contacts you could make would be appreciated.

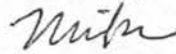
2) Send me copies of any letters sent and of any written responses, as well as memos on the results of any phone calls made. These may be sent to the Friends' mailing address or to my home at 8407 Penn Av.S., Bloomington, MN 55431.

3) Suggestions of individuals and/or groups from whom we could seek support, with the names and addresses of contact persons.

As the Congressional budget process is now in full swing for FY'86, it is extremely important that your contacts be initiated as soon as possible.

As a respected member of the conservation community, the refuge needs and counts on your support. Together we can bring the original plans for the refuge to fulfillment, and realize its potential for the enjoyment of people and for the benefit of wildlife.

Best regards,



Mike Bosanko, President

cc: Elaine Mellott, Legislative Chairperson

Enc: Letter to Senator Durenberger
1985 Action Plan

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also sent to: Sen. Boschwitz Rep. Yates
Rep. Ventresca Rep. Frenzel Sen. McClure.
"Oberstar" Sabo.

February 11, 1986

Senator Dave Durenberger
154 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Durenberger:

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In view of this current opportunity to purchase land from willing sellers while land prices are somewhat reasonable, we urge you to continue requesting land acquisition funds for the FY 1987 budget. Since some of the larger owner-ships remain to be purchased, it is believed that between three and five million dollars could be utilized in 1987 for land acquisition.

The U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service is planning to complete the design of the Wildlife Interpretive Center by Jan. 1, 1987, so if the \$6,000,000 were available for construction of that facility in 1987 we could take advantage of the reasonable construction costs that now exist.

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We hope we can count on your support for an appropriation for FY 1987 of \$3 million for land acquisition and \$6 million for construction of a visitor/interpretive center at the Refuge.

Sincerely,

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Elaine Mellott
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UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA
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College of Forestry
Department of Fisheries & Wildlife
200 Hodson Hall
1980 Folwell Avenue
St. Paul, Minnesota 55108

February 18, 1986

Ms. Elaine Mellott
9400 Cedar Avenue South, #101
Bloomington, MN 55420

Dear Ms. Mellott:

For the past two years we have been attempting to get a U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service Cooperative Research Unit established in the Department of Fisheries and Wildlife at the University of Minnesota. Jan Eldridge has told me of your interest in lending support to the establishment of this Unit.

Senator Rudy Boschwitz introduced the issue on the floor of the U.S. Senate in December, 1985. Although the motion failed at that time, I feel confident if supporters of the need for fisheries and wildlife research make a concerted effort to impress upon our congressional delegation the value of a cooperative unit, we will be successful in 1986. Therefore, I am asking you to write to your congressman and senators urging them to support the establishment of the unit. Also, if you are a member of any other conservation organization, I would appreciate your enlisting the support of that organization by passing a resolution and urging a letter writing campaign. If I can be of assistance, please let me know.

It is important to contact at a minimum both Senators Durenberger and Boschwitz and Representatives Frenzel and Vento. A short letter written in your own words is most effective and timing is important with letters sent within the next 30 days having the greatest impact. I have enclosed the following material to assist you in writing:

1. A sample letter I wrote to our congressional delegation enlisting their support
2. A program direction statement developed by Minnesota DNR and this department outlining the general program direction envisioned for a cooperative unit
3. Addresses of the Minnesota congressional delegation

I hope you will be able to take the small amount of time needed to write these letters. Although the addition of a co-op unit is most immediately bene-

ficial to the University, I hope that you would agree that the additional research effort will be important to all of us interested in fisheries and wildlife.

Thank you in advance for your help and support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ira R. Adelman".

Ira R. Adelman
Professor and Head

Enclosures (3)

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PROGRAM DIRECTION STATEMENT

Minnesota Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research Unit

The Cooperative Fishery and Wildlife Units Program was established to facilitate cooperation between the Service, universities, State fish and wildlife agencies and private organizations, and to conduct programs of research and education related to fish and wildlife resource management. The objectives of the Units are to: 1) conduct research directed toward the solution of problems of mutual concern related to fish, wildlife and their habitats; 2) provide academic training toward advanced degrees in the fish and wildlife field; 3) provide technical assistance to federal, state, and other conservation agencies related to fish and wildlife management; 4) provide conservation education through publication, lecture and demonstration. The operations of the Unit are governed by a formal Cooperative Agreement signed by the Service, university, state fish and wildlife agency, and the Wildlife Management Institute.

The Minnesota Unit will emphasize research regarding impacts of human activities on aquatic and terrestrial ecosystems which are of state, regional and national significance. The research program will address not only the biological, but also social and economic aspects of both game and nongame fisheries and wildlife management; hence, the Unit will be in the most advantageous position to provide information for strategic and long-range planning by the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Minnesota has a vast fishery and wildlife resource and occupies a geographic area that contains aquatic and terrestrial habitats associated with some of the most important regional and national fishery and wildlife research needs. The state is biogeographically unique, with boreal forest, northern coniferous forest, transition zone and prairie, all of which are, in one way or another, under increasing or changing pressures from human activities. Minnesota is an ideal model for research on effects of these activities on fish and wildlife because the vastness of the resource and variation in habitats within regions provide an unusually large selection of research sites for comparative studies.

Biological studies will involve a wide range of applied and basic research projects designed to mitigate or enhance fish and wildlife in habitats with the potential for severe degradation, heavy use, or offering considerable possibilities for enhancement. These habitats include but are not limited to urban fisheries, agricultural lands, peatlands, and the agriculture-forest transition zone where land-use changes are accelerating with human expansion in the area. All of these problem areas in Minnesota are representative of similar concerns regionally and nationally.

The great surge in public interest in nongame species in recent years across the nation constitutes both a challenge and opportunity for resource management agencies and teaching and research institutions. The public now expects agencies to carry out programs specifically for nongame species. As a result, it is opportune and appropriate to have the Unit involved in nongame research.

There is a growing need to incorporate sociological and economic information into fish and wildlife management programs. Public user attitudes, expectations and needs are becoming increasingly important in the formulation of management programs and priorities. Likewise, reliable information on the economic importance of fish and wildlife is becoming an essential ingredient for enlightened planning to help insure that the value of these resources is adequately considered in the formulation of public policy. This is particularly relevant to circumstances in Minnesota where a significant part of the tourist and recreation industry is fish and wildlife oriented. Because public acceptance of fisheries and wildlife management programs is frequently an obstacle to successful implementation, a primary focus of the research will be to examine the economic and social ramifications of proposed management programs and to compare alternatives. This integration of ecological, social and economic research is crucial for decision making regarding fisheries and wildlife policy and planning and yet there are few researchers addressing this issue. The Unit is expected to become a "Center for Excellence" for this integrated research and thereby serve the state and nation as a source of information for public agencies in their development and implementation of fisheries and wildlife management plans.

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February 25, 1986

Elaine's letter is being typed to send to long. Sabo

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E. MELLOTT

Dear Elaine:

Attached is the draft of the letter regarding the funding of the "Recreation Area". Please feel free to revise it as you wish.

I talked to Mike Preznitz from the Metropolitan River Corridor Study Committee. He suggested some key people that could help with our efforts. In addition to Representative Vento, there is a Rick Healy who is on the staff of the sub-committee on Parks & Recreation that Representative Vento chairs. Also, Dale Crane who is also on the sub-committee staff. I understand that Rick Healy is working on a draft of legislation to implement the River Study recommendations.

Hopefully you have access to addresses for these people, possibly through Representative Vento's office.

Sincerely,

Bill Weir

Bill Weir
Regional Park Manager

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Congress of the United States

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Washington, D.C. 20515
February 24, 1986

Mr. Michael A. Bosanko, President
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Dear Mike:

Thank you for your letter regarding the funding for the Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge.

I am pleased that the monies for land acquisition and monies for the design and planning of the visitors' center were realized in fiscal year 1986 appropriations.

You and the Board are to be congratulated for your work in helping to secure the monies. Your good efforts did the job!

As always, I am supportive of the Refuge, and will continue to do what I can to help.

Thanks again for your letter.

Best regards,



Bill Frenzel
Member of Congress

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Mr. Michael A. Bosanko, President
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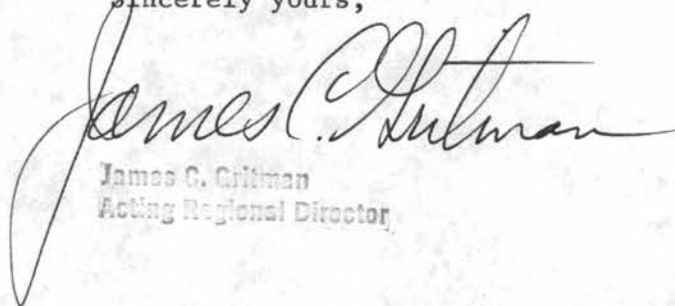
Dear Mr. Bosanko:

We appreciate your letter of January 27, 1986 expressing an interest in the preparation of the final design and specifications for the Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge Visitor Center.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is currently developing a strategy for completing the task by January 1987. We plan, as you suggested, to use the preliminary design developed by Ellerbe Associates, Inc., and expect to amend the original contract with them to develop the final design and construction plans.

The scope of work currently being developed will require numerous checkpoint reviews and we expect that your organization along with others will be invited to participate in several of those review opportunities. Refuge Manager Ed Crozier will be the primary coordinator of the public reviews and I am asking him to keep you informed of the progress of the project.

Sincerely yours,



James G. Gritman
Acting Regional Director

January 27, 1986

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Mr. Harvey K. Nelson, Regional Director
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Minneapolis, MN 55111

Dear Mr. Nelson:

As you are well aware, the Board of Directors of the Friends of the Minnesota Valley has been working closely with our Minnesota Congressional delegation for the past year to get appropriations for FY '86 for land acquisition and the design and planning of a visitors' center facility at the Minn. Valley National Wildlife Refuge. Sen. Durenberger's Washington office informed us on January 10 that \$2,000,000 for land acquisition and \$600,000 for visitors' center planning (less a 3-4% deficit-reduction due to the Gramm/Rudman bill) has been appropriated for FY '86.

I am sure you are as excited as we in the Friends by this news. I am writing you now for your support of two immediate goals of our organization:

- 1) The Friends would like to be involved with the FWS staff and the design architects in the design and planning process for the visitors' center. For that purpose a Design and Review Committee of our Board was established at our January meeting.
- 2) We would hope that local architects would be retained for the design and planning work to be done by architects and construction engineers. This would ensure that Federal funds would be awarded to one of the many excellent local design/architectural firms from this area. It would seem logical to continue to build on the preliminary design work done by the Ellerbe firm several years ago for about \$50,000 and not have to start over from "square one", both in terms of money spent and time saved in the planning process.

It is our hope that the design contracts are awarded as soon as practical after the planning funds are received by your office, and that this process can be completed by January of 1987. When your office develops a time-line for this project, we would appreciate receiving a copy of it.

It is our intention to keep up the momentum started with these recent appropriations and to lobby strongly for a \$6,000,000 appropriation for visitors' center construction for FY '87.

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Mr. Harvey Nelson

I am looking forward to a continued close association with the FWS staff and your office in the coming months. Our Board would appreciate receiving your thoughts and reaction to these ideas. My home address is: 8407 Penn Avenue South, Bloomington, MN 55431.

Sincerely,

Michael A. Bosanko, President
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cc: Elaine Mellott, Legislative Action Chairman
Ed Crozier, Refuge Manager, MN Valley Nat'l Wildlife
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March 3, 1986

Senator David Durenberger
United States Senate
154 Russell Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Durenberger:

On behalf of the Board of ~~Directors~~ of the Friends of the Minnesota Valley, I am asking for your support for the establishment of a U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Cooperative Research Unit. Such a research unit would be a cooperative venture with the Minn. Department of Natural Resources, the Department of Fisheries and Wildlife of the University of Minnesota, and the Minn. Valley National Wildlife Refuge and Recreation Area.

Minnesota, ranking 4th in fishing license and 8th in hunting license sales in 1980 among all the states, does not have a Cooperative Research Unit.

Although such a research unit would be of great benefit to the University's graduate degree programs in fisheries and wildlife, our area of concern is the Minn. Valley National Wildlife Refuge. This area along the Minnesota River Valley is a "natural" for students to explore and study. Research activities and programs carried on there would do much to enhance the existing habitat and to improve educational programs for future users of the valley.

I hope you will contact the appropriate subcommittee of the appropriations committee in either the House or Senate to include the necessary funding in the appropriations for the Interior Department for FY '87.

I'd appreciate hearing from your office on the status of this proposal, and of your possible support for it.

Best regards,

Michael A. Bosanko, President
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March 15, 1985

Mr. Don Knowles, Staff
Senate Interior Appropriations Sub-Committee
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Don:

Thank you very much for meeting with us to discuss 1985 funding for the Minnesota River Valley Wildlife Refuge. We appreciate being heard. I realize we were working under difficult conditions your attention and ability to focus were helpful.

By way of final comment, you need to know that the Minnesota River is a working river for about the first five miles. There is no plan to extend barge traffic beyond that point. The remaining 31 miles of the river through the Refuge is relatively unused by any boat traffic. In addition, Northern States Power is seriously considering cessation of barge traffic to move coal to its power plant, they may use rail instead. This would reduce barge traffic in a major way. Also there are no dams on this river system at any point.

Paul Errington, University of Iowa, Ecologist who studied marshes and muskrats felt the marshes in this valley to be unique in their wildlife productivity. The water quality in these marshes is high. Please recall that the fens are unique in the northern hemisphere due to their size and diversity of flora and fauna.

Again, we appreciate your work on behalf of refuge lands in the U.S. and hope that you will keep us in mind as the committee works to determine its 1985 priorities.

Sincerely,

Elaine M. Mellott

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cc: Mike Bosanko

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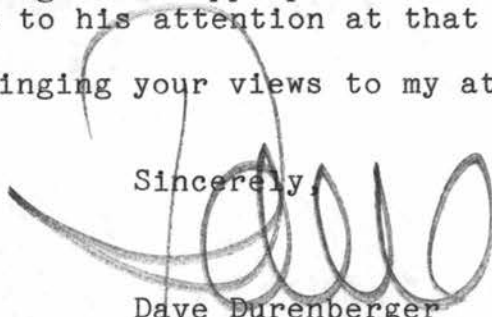
Dear Mary:

Thank you for your letter and Resolution in support of the establishment of a U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Cooperative Research Unit in Minnesota.

Because fishing is such an important Minnesota pastime, as well as an important component of our tourism economy, I share your desire to assure that our fish resources are well manages. I am scheduled to testify before Senator McClure's Subcommittee on Interior and Related Agencies Appropriations on March 18. I will bring your request to his attention at that time.

Thanks again for bringing your views to my attention. Please keep in touch.

Sincerely,


Dave Durenberger
United States Senator

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Good to hear from you

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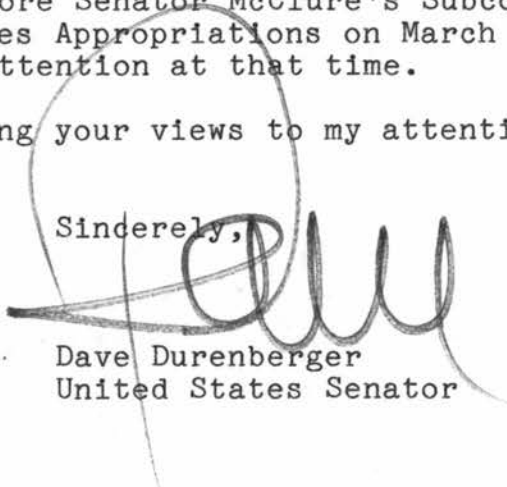
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Sincerely,



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U.S. Senator for Minnesota



STATEMENT BY SENATOR DAVE DURENBERGER
Before the
Subcommittee on Interior Appropriations
March 18, 1986

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I appreciate your generosity in allowing me a few minutes to outline the funding requests for several important Minnesota projects.

First, I want to express my thanks, and those of the people of Minnesota, for the projects you funded last year. We are very excited about the progress that has been made to date and are eager to sustain our momentum.

Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge.

Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge, situated in the Minneapolis-St. Paul metropolitan area, offers local citizens a wide range of educational and recreational opportunities while providing sanctuary to a large number of migratory waterfowl, fish, and other wildlife. The Refuge is currently home to a pair of bald eagles.

\$24.9 million for land acquisition and \$9.8 million for the visitor's center was authorized by P.L. 94-466 as amended by P.L. 98-327. To date \$9.5 million for land acquisition and \$600,000 in planning funds for the visitor's center has been appropriated. Much of the \$2 million in land acquisition funds made available for 1986 have already been spent and there appears to be enough willing sellers to quickly utilize the remaining funds and more. Since some of the larger ownerships remain to be purchased, I am requesting a FY87 appropriation of \$3 million for land acquisition.

With the FY86 planning funds, design for the visitor's center is scheduled to be completed by January 1, 1987. Preliminary work on utilities, access roads, major landscaping and Interstate Highway Directional signing is completed. In short, the site is ready for construction to begin and I am requesting \$6 million for FY87 to do this.

Voyageurs National Park.

Voyageurs National Park, authorized under P.L. 94-466 as amended by P.L. 98-327, is Minnesota's only national park. We have made great progress in the development of the park. Last August we held the groundbreaking ceremony for the visitor center at Black Bay and we anticipate construction to move ahead.

This Subcommittee is familiar with the condition of the Kettle Falls Hotel and its importance as a historical landmark and resource to the Park and to northern Minnesota. It is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. For many years it was a gathering place for loggers and more recently for anglers and tourists. With an FY86 appropriation of \$2.165, restoration has begun, and \$1.9 million is needed in FY87 to complete the project.

Grand Portage National Monument.

Grand Portage National Monument, authorized by P.L. 85-910, is a place of very great historical significance. It is one of the premier historical sites in North America for the interpretation of fur trade history.

There is a great need for a new interpretive, administrative, maintenance complex for the monument. The interpretive facilities are woefully inadequate. The present administrative headquarters for the monument are located in Grand Marais, some 37 miles to the west. This makes the administration and supervision of the monument very difficult.

Supporters of the project were very excited when \$275,000 in planning funds were made available in FY86. This represents a giant step forward for the project, and \$3 million in construction funds are needed in FY87 to finish it.

Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness.

Mr. Chairman, the support you and the committee have given to the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness throughout the years has been appreciated both by this Senator, and the residents of northern Minnesota. I am extremely pleased that the Administration has included \$2.022 million in their FY87 Budget request for the State Grant Program authorized under P.L. 95-495. The State has consistently used this money well and I ask that the Subcommittee support the Administration's proposal.

Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research Unit.

Although in 1980 Minnesota ranked 4th among the states in fishing license and 8th in hunting license sales, and fish, wildlife and their habitats form the basis of a major recreation and tourism industry in the state, Minnesota does not have a Cooperative Research Unit. While the University of Minnesota, the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources and other groups and individuals have a solid record of achievement in fishery or wildlife research, education or management, the vastness of Minnesota's resource makes it difficult to accomplish all that needs to be done.

Currently there are 29 states with fish, wildlife or combined cooperative research units. The University of Minnesota and the Department of Natural Resources have put together a program direction statement for a unit in Minnesota. I would ask the Subcommittee to review this proposal, and if it has merit, fund it out of available funds in FY87.

Cooperative Forestry Assistance Program.

The Cooperative Forestry Assistance Program is important to the State of Minnesota. The President's budget proposes a 50% reduction for FY86 levels. A decline of this magnitude may cause the elimination of private landowner assistance activities in many states, and certainly have adverse consequences for some 120,000 private forestland owners in Minnesota.

I appreciate this opportunity to discuss these issues, and look forward to working with you on these projects. Thank you.



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Mr. DURENBERGER. Mr. President, I congratulate my distinguished colleague from Idaho, Senator McCLURE, for his leadership in putting this bill together and bringing it to the floor.

Minnesota is often associated with eastern States. While it is closer to the Atlantic than Pacific, we are really a western State. We are west of the Mississippi. Originally part of the Louisiana Purchase we were known as the Northwest Territory and eventually became the 32nd State to join the Union in 1858.

Historically and culturally we are tied with the West. We had our share of Indian wars. The coming of the railroad did as much for Minnesota as it did for other frontier States in terms of expanding markets and spurring economic development.

The things which brought pioneers west brought them to Minnesota. Fur traders, trappers, timber men, and prairie farmers, those men and women who made America great, found a place in Minnesota.

Mr. President, we really aren't all that different from Idaho. We don't have spectacular mountain ranges or deep, coursing rivers, but we do have many outstanding natural resources of comparable beauty and grace; sparkling glacial lakes, quiet flowing rivers surrounded by fertile farm land and superb waterfowl and wildlife habitat, still forests and wide open plains. One can sing "Home on the Range" in Minnesota and not be out of place.

Finally, we do have strong Federal presence in Minnesota in terms of natural resource management, particularly in northern Minnesota. The Chipewewa and Superior National Forests are the largest in the Forest Service's eastern region. The Boundary Water Canoe Area Wilderness is one of the most popular yet complex wilderness areas in the country. Voyageurs National Park is a young park whose potential is yet to be realized.

The Federal Government is also involved in the management and protection of our three major water ways;

the Mississippi River, the St. Croix River and the Minnesota River. In addition, the Fish and Wildlife Service manages over 440,000 acres of wildlife refuges around the State and an especially important one in the metropolitan area; the Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge.

To a large extent the funding for this Federal presence is contained in this legislation. Several of these projects are of particular importance to the people of Minnesota.

MINNESOTA VALLEY NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

First authorized in 1976, Congress last year passed amendments which included a permanent authorization of \$24.9 million for land acquisition and \$9.8 million for the visitor's center, increased the size of the refuge from 9,500 acres to 12,400 acres, and included a provision which will allow local governments to donate lands which are inside the boundaries of the refuge.

Minnesota Valley is a unique and valuable component of the National Wildlife Refuge System. Situated in the Minneapolis-St. Paul metropolitan area, the Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge offers extraordinary educational and recreational opportunities not usually available to city dwellers while providing a sanctuary for a large number of migratory waterfowl, fish and other wildlife.

Forming a wildlife buffer between four metropolitan counties and eight suburban communities, the Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge embodies a new and important concept in Federal, State, and local government relations, cooperative management of our natural resource. In addition to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, there are over 17 different units of Government involved in the project.

Following the original authorization of 1976, \$6.5 million was appropriate for land acquisition. Since that time, however, funding has been scarce and sporadic. The \$1.6 million which had been appropriated for land acquisition

in fiscal year 1981 was rescinded. Further, no funds were appropriated in fiscal years 1982, 1983, or 1985. The \$1 million which was appropriated for fiscal year 1984 was held pending congressional passage of H.R. 1723 which reauthorized the refuge. That money is currently being expended.

With the authorization behind us, we are very eager to move forward with and complete the Comprehensive Refuge and Recreation and Management Plan which was approved in 1984. The committee has graciously included \$2 million to continue land acquisition.

\$600,000 is included in the House bill for final planning and site preparation for the visitor's center. The site of the proposed visitor's center has been the scene of considerable highway improvement work. That work is near completion and the site will have all of the utilities, access road, major landscaping and interstate highway directional signing ready for the visitor center construction. Senator McCLURE, I am hopeful that the Senate will recede to the House language on this project.

Mr. DURENBERGER. Voyageurs National Park is Minnesota's only national park. It is the only water-based park in the United States, with 80,000 acres of its 200,000 acres being water. Lying on the Minnesota-Ontario border, it is an area of spectacular beauty with unique historical significance.

The committee has been very helpful over the years in obtaining funds for land acquisition and other development projects. In late August with a great sense of achievement we held the ground breaking ceremony for the visitor's center.

The Kettle Falls Hotel is an important historical and cultural resource of the park. It is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. For many

years it was a gathering place for loggers, and more recently for anglers and tourists.

This hotel has been in a dangerous state of disrepair for several years. During consideration of the fiscal year 1984 Interior appropriation's bill, Senator BOSCHWITZ and I participated in a similar colloquy with you regarding funds for restoration of this valuable historic hotel. You have provided \$1.1 million toward that goal and the House has provided \$2.1 million. Now that we have a start, it is my hope we can move forward with this project.

Mr. McCLURE. Mr. President, my friends from Minnesota have indeed raised this issue with me many times. I am sympathetic to the need to rehabilitate that facility. I cannot make any firm commitments on what will happen in conference, but I assure my colleagues from Minnesota that we

will give it every consideration when we meet with the House conferees.

Mr. DURENBERGER. Grand Portage, MN is a place of very great historical significance. It is one of the premier historical sites in North America for the interpretation of fur trade history.

There is a great need for a new interpretive / administrative / maintenance complex for the monument.

The interpretive facilities are woefully inadequate. The present administrative headquarters for the monument are located in Grand Marais, some 37 miles to the west. This makes the administration and supervision of the monument very difficult.

The House has made \$275,000 in planning funds available for this facility. This represents a giant step forward for the project. It is my hope, and those in Minnesota, that the Senate will consider accepting this project in conference.

Mr. McCLURE. I am very aware of the support of the Minnesota Senators for this project. I cannot give them any firm commitments on what will happen in the conference with the House, however, I assure them we will closely review this project in relation to other spending needs and give it every consideration.

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House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

April 4, 1986

Michael A. Bosanko
President
Friends of the Minnesota Valley
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Dear Mr. Bosanko:

Thank you for your letter expressing appreciation for my support of the FY 1986 appropriation of \$2 million for land acquisition and \$600,000 in planning and design of a visitor center at the Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge.

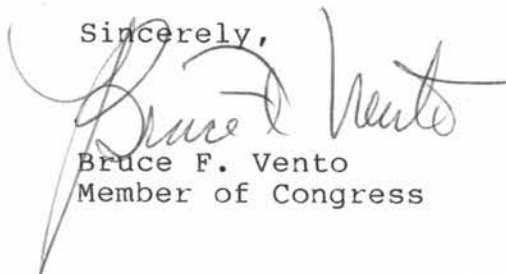
I was pleased to be able to lend my support for that effort. The refuge represents a tremendous environmental and recreational resource for our region and the nation as a whole. Unfortunately, the Reagan administration in its FY 1987 budget request showed no inclination of either continuing the work on clearing the backlog of land acquisition or undertaking the construction of a visitor center for the refuge.

The Gramm-Rudman process has and will continue to severely impact many important projects. This problem is compounded by the administration's resistance to even minimal funding for many wildlife and recreational programs.

You can be assured that as Congress considers FY 1987 appropriations for the Fish and Wildlife Service, I will keep in mind your support for the Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge.

Warm regards.

Sincerely,



Bruce F. Vento
Member of Congress



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DNR INFORMATION
(612) 296-6157

April 4, 1986

Ms. Elaine Mellott
Friends of MN Valley
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Dear Ms. Mellott:

A job well done! This is what I can say about the tremendous work that you undertook and saw to fruition. The Reinvest In Minnesota (RIM) program is the result of the concern, dedication, and energy that you and others have exhibited as you worked diligently to make RIM a reality. The resources and people of this state will be the real benefactors.

I have been overly impressed by the cooperative manner in which the diverse organizations have come together for the common good of conservation and natural resources. This kind of relationship is indicative of why Minnesota was voted the top conservation state in the nation in 1983. I can see that with the RIM program we will continue to be one of the leading conservation states in the nation.

The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is now in the process of identifying high priority projects that can be implemented within the framework of bonding money. We request your continued involvement with the RIM program and urge you to provide input into the planning, implementation and evaluation of the program. By the end of April, we anticipate having a list of projects covering \$2.5 million. Feel free to discuss these projects with us and your recommendations are welcome.

The Critical Habitat Matching Program provides another opportunity for cooperative ventures between DNR and the private sector. We are developing some guidelines for use in selecting criteria for identifying lands, rivers, and lakes that have high potential for fish and wildlife habitat. The \$2.5 million in this program must be matched within three (3) years if we are to make full use of its availability. You are encouraged to participate in this program through donations and/or ideas. More information on this RIM Program will be available shortly. We are thankful that the Governor and Legislature, through your assistance, passed the legislation which set up the Reinvest in Minnesota Fund. It will take continuous work in the coming year to find means of providing a permanent source of revenue to go into the fund. This permanent fund will help ensure that Minnesota's fish and

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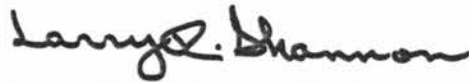


Mr. Mellott
April 4, 1986
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wildlife resources will be available for future generations to enjoy. I am certain that our youth will be pleased with what you have done.

Again, thank you for your dedication to Reinvest In Minnesota. We are indeed setting the pace for the nation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Larry R. Shannon". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Larry" being more prominent and the last name "Shannon" following in a similar style.

Larry R. Shannon, Ph.D
Director,
Division of Fish and Wildlife

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Congress of the United States

House of Representatives

Washington, DC 20515-2303

April 9, 1986

For Your Information
J. R. Edelman

The Honorable Sidney R. Yates
Chairman, Subcommittee on Interior
Appropriations Committee
B308 Rayburn House Office Building
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Dear-Mr. Chairman:

We are writing in support of funding for a United States Fish and Wildlife Service Cooperative Research Unit in Minnesota. This Cooperative Unit would be established in cooperation with the Department of Fisheries and Wildlife at the University of Minnesota.

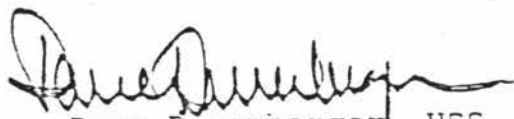
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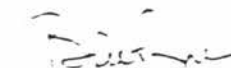
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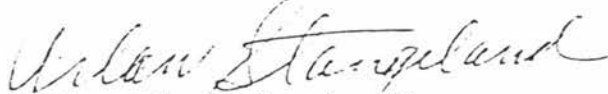
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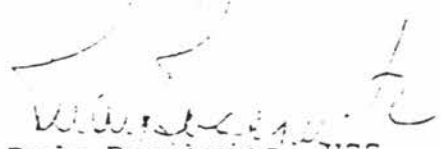
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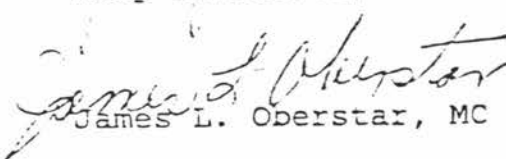
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TO: Interested Parties
FROM: James L. Oberstar
SUBJ: Interior Appropriations
DATE: April 17, 1986

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The Subcommittee has also been supportive of our land acquisition program, which has yet to be completed. In 1982, when I testified before the Subcommittee, I said that I believed we could essentially complete land acquisition in the period spanning fiscal years 1983-1985, by providing approximately \$4 million annually in each of those three years. In that year Congress passed my bill which increased the authorization level by approximately \$12 million. Unfortunately, FY'84 was the last year funds were appropriated for land acquisition.

I am requesting \$4 million to purchase 70 tracts (1900 acres) in Voyageurs National Park. These funds would be used for court award payments and toward willing-seller purchases.

Next year, the Park Service plans to open a visitor center at Black Bay — a badly needed center I might add. But, budget cuts threaten to thwart these plans. I am requesting \$140,000 for full-time and seasonal personnel, as well as the cost of utilities and operating expenses. The President's budget contains no appropriation for operations at the Black Bay facility which necessitates this request.

In addition, the Park's historic Kettle Falls Hotel is desperately in need of extensive rehabilitation both for safety and health reasons. Facilities at the hotel include three cabins, the hotel itself, and an annex, each of which cannot meet health code standards.



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April 22, 1986

Mr. Michael A. Bosanko, President
Friends of the Minnesota Valley
8407 Penn Avenue South
Bloomington, MN 55431

Dear Mr. Bosanko:

Thanks in large measure to your organization and others as well as individuals who expressed their support of a U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Cooperative Research Unit in the Department of Fisheries and Wildlife at the University of Minnesota to the Minnesota congressional delegation, we have accomplished the first goal in the legislative process. Our congressional delegation has unanimously urged the House and Senate Subcommittees on Interior Appropriations to authorize and appropriate funds for a unit in Minnesota (letter enclosed).

With the matter now before these subcommittees I am again seeking your help. I would appreciate your sending letters and/or resolutions to the subcommittee chairs and ranking minority members (names attached) urging them to include a unit for Minnesota in the 1987 appropriations bill. Because the subcommittee members do not have a constituency in Minnesota the support of regional and national organizations for a unit in Minnesota would be extremely helpful. If your organization has a regional or national parent organization, please try to enlist their support to actively promote a Minnesota unit as part of the co-op unit system. If the parent organization has a lobbyist in Washington, D.C. willing to make contact with subcommittee members, that would help even further.

Having had a bit of success in getting our request before Congress, I urge you now to keep the pressure on. I have spoken with our congressional delegation or their staffs and am convinced that your efforts are responsible for their unanimous support. We can do the same with the appropriations subcommittee members.

If you would like additional information, please call me at 624-3600. Thank you again for your past and continuing efforts. Hopefully, in a year or so I will be able to invite you to an open house of the Minnesota cooperative research unit.

Sincerely,

Ira R. Adelman
Professor and Head

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April 25, 1986

Mr. Michael A. Bosanko, President
Friends of the Minnesota Valley
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Dear Mike:

Thanks for your letter stating your support for the establishment of a U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Cooperative Research Unit at the University of Minnesota. Please excuse my tardy reply.

Like you, I believe Minnesota is an excellent, and indeed logical, location for a Cooperative Unit. As you suggested, I sent a letter, signed by the entire Minnesota delegation, to Representative Sid Yates, Chairman of the Appropriations Interior Subcommittee. It stressed the Minnesota delegation's collective support for the inclusion of \$200,000 in the 1987 Interior Appropriations bill for the Minnesota Unit.

It is my hope that our effort proves successful. I appreciate learning of the Friends' support of a Unit in our State.

Best regards,



Bill Frenzel
Member of Congress

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April 22, 1986

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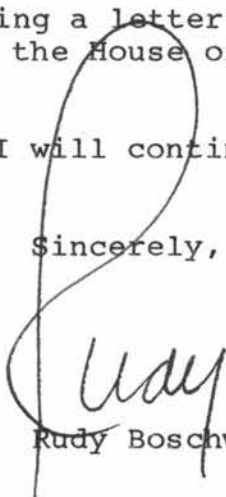
Thank you for writing to me about establishing a U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Cooperative Research Unit at the University of Minnesota.

As you may know, last fall when the Senate considered the Continuing Resolution to fund many government agencies for Fiscal Year 1986, I discussed this project with Senator Jim McClure, Chairman of the Interior Appropriations Subcommittee, which has jurisdiction over the funding levels of the Fish and Wildlife Service programs. At that time Senator McClure assured me this proposal would be seriously considered when the subcommittee next considered funding the Fish and Wildlife Programs.

I have followed up with Senator McClure as well as joined Congressman Bill Frenzel in sending a letter of support to Senator McClure's counterpart in the House of Representatives, Congressman Sid Yates.

Thanks again for writing.. I will continue to push for this worthwhile project.

Sincerely,



Rudy Boschwitz

RB:dmm

MARTIN OLAV SABO
5TH DISTRICT, MINNESOTA

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Mr. Michael Bosanko
President
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Dear Mr. Bosanko:

Thank you for contacting me to express your support for a proposal to establish a U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Cooperative Research Unit at the University of Minnesota.

I share your view on the need for this important environmental research facility in Minnesota. At the present time, Appropriations Subcommittees of the U.S. House of Representatives are reviewing the needs of federal agencies for the coming fiscal year.

The Interior Subcommittee has jurisdiction over funding of Fish and Wildlife Service programs, and I have brought the proposal for a Minnesota research unit to the Subcommittee's attention. In addition, I joined with the other members of Minnesota's Congressional delegation on April 9 in sending a letter to the Subcommittee Chairman expressing our strong support for a Minnesota Fish and Wildlife Unit. For your information, I am enclosing a copy of this letter.

I hope this information is of use to you.

Sincerely,

Martin O. Sabo
Member of Congress

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Enclosure

Congress of the United States

House of Representatives

Washington, DC 20515-2303

April 9, 1986

The Honorable Sidney R. Yates
Chairman, Subcommittee on Interior
Appropriations Committee
B308 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

We are writing in support of funding for a United States Fish and Wildlife Service Cooperative Research Unit in Minnesota. This Cooperative Unit would be established in cooperation with the Department of Fisheries and Wildlife at the University of Minnesota.

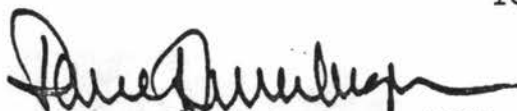
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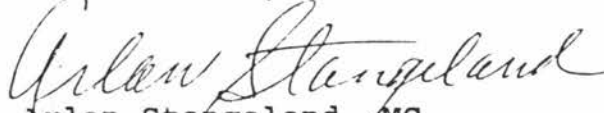
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May 2, 1986

*Elaine has the
letter of reply from the
Interior*

Mr. Michael Bosanko
Ms. Elaine Mellott
Friends of the Minnesota Valley
8407 Penn Avenue South
Bloomington, Minnesota 55431

Dear Mr. Bosanko and Ms. Mellott:

Thank you for your letter regarding the availability of federal funds to the State of Minnesota for the Minnesota Valley Wildlife Refuge. I have asked the Department of the Interior to respond to your specific questions. When I receive a response from the agency, I will share it with you. In the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact me if there is anything further I can do for you.

Sincerely,

Martin O. Sabo

Martin O. Sabo
Member of Congress

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March 19, 1986

Rep. Martin Sabo
United States House of Representatives
436 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative Sabo:

Our organization has some questions regarding the availability of federal funds authorized by Public Law 94-466 cited as the "Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge Act," but would first like to make reference to certain portions of the law.

Section 6 calls for two categories of property:

- 1) Category I, the Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge, to be acquired and managed by the Secretary.
- 2) Category II, public nature - recreation areas, to be acquired and managed by the State.

Section 7 says, "The Secretary shall provide sufficient financial assistance to the State to enable it to acquire and develop lands, waters, and interests therein, in the Wildlife Recreation Area."

We feel that, since the Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge, Recreation Area was authorized as a federal project, and since Section 10 of the law specifically authorized appropriations for the Refuge and Recreation Area, there should be federal funds appropriated specifically for the Recreation Area.

We ask for a clarification on the following questions:

1. Is there federal money available to the State specifically for the Recreation Area (LAWCON grant or other source)?
2. We understand that the LAWCON appropriation is split into two pieces: 1) Grants to federal agencies, and 2) grants to states. The State Department of Natural Resources (DNR) has used State grants to acquire and develop the Minnesota Valley Trail in the past, but has never received a piece of the federal portion to acquire and develop lands in the Recreation Area. Did Congress intend that the grant or appropriation stated in Sections 7 and 10 be taken from the LAWCON fund? If so, was the intent that it come from the federal portion or state portion of the LAWCON fund?

Rep. Martin Sabo
Page 2

3. If there are funds available, we would like to advise the Minnesota State Department of Natural Resources of procedures for applying for the grant and a contact person in the Department of the Interior. Could you help us with that?

We have enclosed two documents for your reference:

- 1) Copy of the Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge Act.
- 2) Copy of the recently completed Metropolitan River Corridor Study. Recommendation #12 supports increased emphasis to complete the acquisition and development of the Refuge and Recreation Area.

We appreciate your assistance in resolving these issues.
Thank you.

Sincerely,

Mike Bosanko
President

Elaine Mellott
Legislative Coordinator

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cc: Irene Baumgartner
Office of Rep. Martin Sabo

*Also sent to Sen. Byrd
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(copy to Prof. Adelman)*

May 5, 1986

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The Honorable James A. McClure, Chair
Senate Subcommittee on Interior Appropriations
United States Senate
Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Honorable McClure:

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Friends of the Minnesota Valley, I am asking for your support for the establishment of a U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Cooperative Research Unit. Such a research unit would be a cooperative venture with the Minn. Department of Natural Resources, the Department of Fisheries and Wildlife of the University of Minnesota, and the Minn. Valley National Wildlife Refuge and Recreation Area.

Minnesota, ranking 4th in fishing license and 8th in hunting license sales in 1980 among all the states, does not have a Cooperative Research Unit.

Although such a research unit would be of great benefit to the University's graduate degree programs in fisheries and wildlife, our area of concern is the Minn. Valley National Wildlife Refuge. This area along the Minnesota River Valley is a "natural" for students to explore and study. Research activities and programs carried on there would do much to enhance the existing habitat and to improve educational programs for future users of the valley.

To carry out this program I am requesting your support for the inclusion of \$200,000 in the 1987 Interior Appropriations bill for a Minnesota Cooperative Research Unit.

I'd appreciate hearing from your office on the status of this proposal, and of your possible support for it.

Yours very truly,

Michael A. Bosanko, President
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May 9, 1986

Congressman James Oberstar
2351 Rayburn Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

SUBJ: Minnesota Valley 1987 Appropriations

Dear Jim:

We were very pleased to receive the April 18th memo announcing your request to the House committee for \$9M in appropriations for the Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge in 1987. We appreciate your courage and commitment to the Refuge in making this request in view of federal budgetary constraints and critical funding needs across the U. S. for many programs of merit.

Your caring for our wild lands truly stands out among this country's leadership. We are forever grateful to you as our wild lands are a joy of life for us all.

Sincerely,

Elaine M. Mellott

Elaine M. Mellott
Board Member

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May 12, 1986

Representative James Oberstar
U. S. House of Representatives
2315 Rayburn H.O.B.
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Rep. Oberstar:

Just a short note to let you know how much the Friends of the Minnesota Valley appreciates your strong and consistent support for appropriations for the Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge, and especially for your testimony before the Interior Appropriations Subcommittee on April 17 asking Congress for \$9 million for land acquisition and construction for the Refuge.

The Refuge and our organization is very fortunate to have your backing and that of the rest of the Minnesota Congressional delegation.

Best regards,

Mike Bosanko
President

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May 20, 1986

Michael A. Bosanko
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Dear Mr. Bosanko:

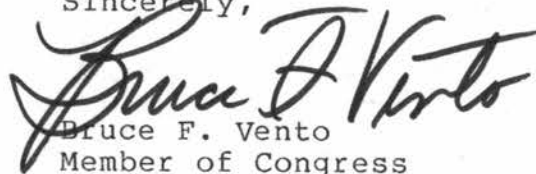
Thank you for contacting me to express your interest and support for the establishment of a U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service Cooperative Research Unit at the University of Minnesota.

Recently, the entire Minnesota Congressional Delegation joined together in sending a letter to the House Interior Appropriations Subcommittee urging funding for the establishment of this research unit. While the delegation letter signalled a strong show of support for the project, we nevertheless face a difficult task in getting the facility established. Only one cooperative research unit has been established since 1980, and the administration has tried on several occasions over the past five years to close various existing units.

Minnesota, with its vast fish and wildlife resources, coupled with the high quality research capabilities of the University of Minnesota, deserves serious consideration for a cooperative research unit. You can be assured that I will continue to closely monitor the funding process for these units.

Warm regards.

Sincerely,


Bruce F. Vento
Member of Congress



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20515

JAMES L. OBERSTAR
8TH DISTRICT, MINNESOTA

May 27, 1986

Dear Elaine:

Thank you so very much for your truly thoughtful, generous comments on my work on behalf of funding for the Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge. You were so thoughtful and kind to write!

The Refuge project has been a very special concern and interest of mine since you and others first talked to me about it some eight years ago. Quite coincidentally, just recently I visited with former Congressman Bob Leggett who conducted the hearings, toured the area and was convinced that it deserved refuge status and gave me a free rein to move the bill through Committee and the House of Representatives. Bob was delighted to hear the tremendous progress that has been made in developing the Refuge and asked me to express his appreciation for the kindness extended him while in Minnesota, should I be visiting with you again -- so, I'm taking advantage of this opportunity to pass on those greetings.

I sure hope that we'll be able to prevail with the requested funding despite the deficit reduction pressures and want to assure you I'll keep my efforts up on behalf of the Refuge as we proceed through the FY87 budget process.

Warmest regards -- and do continue to keep up you good work for the Refuge.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Jim", written in dark ink.

James L. Oberstar, M.C.

Ms. Elaine M. Mellott
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May 30, 1986

Rep. Martin Sabo
436 Cannon House Office Bldg.
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Dear Rep. Sabo:

The Friends appreciates your support and that of the entire Minnesota Congressional delegation of our effort to establish a U.S. FWS Cooperative Research Unit that would operate as a joint venture with the MN DNR, the University of Minn. College of Forestry (Dept. of Fisheries and Wildlife) and the MN Valley National Wildlife Refuge.

Any additional contact you could make with Rep. Sidney Yates of the Interior appropriations subcommittee, either personally or by testimony before his subcommittee, in support of the unit, would also be most helpful.

Thanks again for all your help.

Best regards,

Michael A. Bosanko, President
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Senator David Durenberger
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Dear Dave:

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Thanks again for all your help.

Best regards,

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May 30, 1986

Rep. James Oberstar
2315 Rayburn House Office Bldg.
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Rep. Oberstar:

The Friends appreciates your support and that of the entire Minnesota Congressional delegation of our effort to establish a U.S. FWS Cooperative Research Unit that would operate as a joint venture with the MN DNR, the University of Minn. College of Forestry (Dept. of Fisheries and Wildlife) and the MN Valley National Wildlife Refuge.

Any additional contact you could make with Rep. Sidney Yates of the Interior appropriations subcommittee, either personally or by testimony before his subcommittee, in support of the unit, would also be most helpful.

Thanks again for all your help.

Best regards,

Michael A. Bosanko, President
Friends of the Minnesota Valley

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United States Department of the Interior

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20240

June 25, 1986

Honorable Martin U. Sabo
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Sabo:

Thank you for your letter of April 28, 1986, to Secretary Hodel on behalf of Ms. Elaine Mellott and Mr. Mike Bosanko. As representatives of the Friends of the Minnesota Valley, they are seeking Federal funds for the recreation area at the Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge.

For FY 1986, \$847,418 has been apportioned to Minnesota from the State side of the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) program. However, under the LWCF program, it is the responsibility of the State to select both State and locally-sponsored projects for submission to the National Park Service for possible funding. This decision is based on the priorities set by the State through its planning processes, the total cost of a proposed public project as compared with the public benefits to be derived, and the amount remaining in Minnesota's annual apportionment from the Fund. In Minnesota, Ms. Karen Loechler, Assistant Commissioner, Planning and Special Programs, Department of Natural Resources, 500 Lafayette Road, Box 51, St. Paul, Minnesota 55146, is the official who is directly responsible for administering the Fund program. The National Park Service official responsible for LWCF activities is the Regional Director, Midwest Region, 1709 Jackson Street, Omaha, Nebraska 68102. Specific grants for the recreation area are not authorized. We are aware of no State request for an appropriation specifically for the recreation area and are without authority to provide monies to the State for land acquisition from the Federal portion of the LWCF.

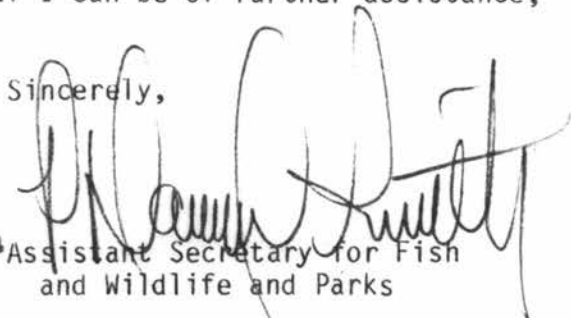
Pittman-Robertson or Dingell-Johnson funds may also be available for the project through the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources. These fish and wildlife Federal Aid funds are only available through State fish and wildlife agencies. Any money used by other parties is passed through the State as a sub-grant or contract. Therefore, the parties would need to begin by getting the support of the State agencies for this use of the funds. If the State fish and wildlife agency does not support the use of the funds, the Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) could not fund it. Ms. Mellott and Mr. Bosanko should contact the Division of Fish and Wildlife, Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, 658 Cedar Street, St. Paul, Minnesota 55155, (612) 296-6157. They may also contact the FWS's Regional Director at the Federal Building, Fort Snelling, Twin Cities, Minnesota 55111, (612) 725-3563 about the Federal Aid funds.

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I hope this information is helpful. If I can be of further assistance, please let me know.

Sincerely,


Acting Assistant Secretary for Fish
and Wildlife and Parks

Statement for the
President's Commission on American Outdoors

by

CONGRESSMAN MARTIN OLAV SABO
June 27, 1986

Mr. Commissioner, fellow Minnesotans, I appreciate the opportunity to offer my comments today on the subject of recreation.

I believe our State's natural resources offer the finest in recreational opportunities and they are a source of great pride for Minnesotans. In Minnesota we have evidence that economic advancement and population growth need not take place without respect for our natural heritage. As Minnesota developed into a major center for agriculture, industry and technology, its leaders took care along the way to protect our natural assets -- in large part for purposes of pure enjoyment. This process is continuing across the state, from the forests and pristine lakes of Northern Minnesota to the parks and urban lakes of Minneapolis and St. Paul. Although these resources cannot be duplicated elsewhere, I do believe others can learn from our successes in conserving the environment for recreation.

As an example I would direct the Commission's attention to the Minnesota Valley Wildlife Refuge -- just minutes from downtown Minneapolis. This wetland preserve is unique among wildlife refuges and I strongly believe it should serve as a model for other metropolitan areas. Every day visitors to the refuge encounter abundant flora, fauna and migratory fowl, all framed by an urban skyline. Hunting and trapping are offered at the refuge both for

recreational opportunities and as a tool for managing wildlife populations.

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The Minnesota Valley Wildlife Refuge was first officially recognized in 1934 and it is currently supported by a rare combination of local, state and federal, as well as private efforts. Members of the local community also play a key role in planning and decision making for the refuge. The preserve will soon encompass a 72-mile stretch of the Minnesota river. I believe it demonstrates that with proper planning and support wildlife can flourish amid urban growth, and the result can be valuable recreational opportunities. I urge members of the Commission to include in your Twin Cities agenda a visit to the refuge.

Of course, the Minnesota Valley Wildlife Refuge is just one of a myriad outdoor experiences one has to choose from in our state. From National Parks and Forests to state parks and scenic rivers, Minnesota offers remarkable and diverse recreation possibilities.

It is my hope that the work of the President's Commission on American Outdoors will lead to a sustained effort to coordinate land use planning so that we can meet the nation's recreational needs as population and environmental requirements change. I believe success in enhancing America's outdoor opportunities requires a dedicated partnership involving federal, state, and local planners, as well the public. I applaud the Commission's efforts and look forward to reviewing its report to the President.

MARTIN OLAV SABO
5TH DISTRICT, MINNESOTA

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Mr. Michael Bosanko
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Friends of the Minnesota Valley
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Dear Mr. Bosanko and Ms. Mellott:

I wanted to share with you a response I have received from the Department of the Interior to my recent letter of inquiry about federal funding of the Minnesota Valley Wildlife Refuge.

Please find enclosed a copy of a letter sent to me by the Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Fish and Wildlife and Parks. The letter reviews the process of federal funding for the Minnesota Valley Wildlife Refuge. I hope this information is of use to you.

I also wanted to thank you personally for testifying for me at a hearing before the President's Commission on American Outdoors in St. Paul on June 27. I understand that the hearing was a successful one and I greatly appreciate your appearing on my behalf.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Martin O. Sabo
Member of Congress

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September 9, 1986

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funding for many of these items is in the other body's measure, I drawn my amendment. I will m offering any amendments rman can give me an assur- the Senate conferees will is consideration to acceding er body's funding levels for I am about to discuss. Is the prepared to offer such an as-

Mr. McCURE. I thank the Senator. We will endeavor to accommodate the requests he has made.

Mr. DURENBERGER. Mr. President, Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge, situated in the Minneapolis-St. Paul metropolitan area, offers local citizens a wide range of educational and recreational opportunities while providing sanctuary to a large number of migratory waterfowl, fish and other wildlife.

Last year Congress provided \$600,000 in planning funds for design of the visitor's center. Preliminary work on utilities, access roads, major landscaping and interstate highway directional signing is completed. In short the site is ready for construction to begin.

Mr. Chairman, now that the planning is nearly completed, it is vital that construction funds be forthcoming. The House included \$3.32 million to begin phase I of the construction. I would appreciate it very much if you would agree to the House language in conference on the fiscal year 1967 Interior appropriations bill.

Mr. McCURE. I am familiar with this project and appreciate the time the good Senator from Minnesota has devoted to establishing this unique urban wildlife refuge. The educational opportunities the refuge will offer to the citizens of the Twin Cities are outstanding and you can be sure I will give your request every consideration when conferencing with the House.

Mr. DURENBERGER. Mr. Chairman, currently there are 29 States with fish and wildlife or combined cooperative research units. Minnesota, despite their vast fish and wildlife resources, does not have such a unit. While the University of Minnesota and the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources have a solid record of achievement in wildlife research, education or management, the scope of Minnesota's resources makes it difficult to accomplish all that needs to be done.

The University of Minnesota and the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources have put together a program direction statement for a cooperative fish and wildlife research unit in Minnesota. I will ask unanimous consent later that this statement be included in the RECORD.

Mr. Chairman, earlier this year I asked the Subcommittee on Interior Appropriations to review this proposal, and if it had merit to direct the Secretary to fund it out of available funds in fiscal year 1987. Has the Senator had a chance to review this proposal?

Mr. McCURE. I appreciate the Senator from Minnesota bringing this to my attention. I have reviewed the program direction statement for a cooperative unit in Minnesota and agree to direct the Secretary of Interior to fund the project out of available funds in fiscal year 1987.

Judith L. Erickson

Legislative Assistant

Senator Dave Durenberger
Minnesota

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in conference without obtaining offsets from projects, important to Pennsylvania, that are appropriated in the fiscal year 1987 Interior appropriations bills. The States could use more, but, given his constraints, that figure would be acceptable. The Senator and I have discussed this matter in detail in prior meetings and I appreciate his attention to this issue and his sympathy for the problem.

Mr. McCURE. What the Senator from Pennsylvania states is a clear definition of the needs of this program, which I support. I greatly appreciate his dedication to this important health and safety issue and will make moving toward and trying to reach the \$186.1 million figure a priority in conference if the subcommittee receives an increased allocation or if acceptable offsets in other programs can be found by the conferees since this bill is at its budget authority outlay ceiling.

Mr. SPECTER. I do understand that and am confident that the distinguished chairman will do all that he can to reach the higher number. I thank the Senator.

Mr. HEINZ. I would like to associate myself with the comments of the Senator from Pennsylvania and also urge that Senator McCURE attempt to reach the House figure in conference. I thank the chairman for his attention to this matter.

Mr. BROYHILL. Mr. President, I rise to engage the chairman in a colloquy for the purpose of clarifying various items of interest and concern.

Mr. McCURE. I am pleased to oblige the Senator from North Carolina.

Mr. BROYHILL. I appreciate the chairman's indulgence and the opportunity to highlight areas of concern contained in the bill before us. Let me first commend the distinguished chairman and members of the committee on their diligence in delivering this bill in good order.

Mr. McCURE. I thank the Senator for his kind remarks.

Mr. BROYHILL. Mr. Chairman, I intended to offer an amendment today to restore funding levels for many Federal programs and activities of national importance and of interest to the State of North Carolina. Because

Mr. BROYHILL. Included in the other body's allowance is an appropriation of \$55,000 for studies related to the Little Kinnakeet lifesaving station at Cape Hatteras National Seashore. Of that amount, \$30,000 would be used to fund a historic furnishing study and \$25,000 for a historic grounds study. Among the other body's recommendations, not included in the Senate's bill, is a reprogramming of existing funds totalling \$650,000 for the acquisition of an additional 6,000 acre tract at Alligator River National Wildlife Refuge. As such, this would require no new budget authority. This tract would be developed and maintained as a nature conservancy for the protection of the Nation's prime and most extensive remaining stands of mature Atlantic white cedar. The other body's bill also recommended use of Alligator River National Wildlife Refuge as a preferred site for the reintroduction of the Red Wolf and provided an increase of \$135,000 to facilitate the recovery of this endangered species. Contained in the other body's report accompanying its bill is language urging the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to make available management and technical support to the State of North Carolina and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency as required to complete the comprehensive research plan for the Albemarle/Pamlico estuary which is of national significance. It is my fervent hope that the Senate conferees will be able to agree to and accept funding levels provided in the other version of the bill when they meet with Members of the other body.

Mr. McCURE. I will be mindful of these items when the Senate confers with the other body.

Mr. BROYHILL. I thank the chairman. I would also like to express appreciation to the chairman and members of the committee for providing funds necessary to restore the lighthouse district at Cape Hatteras National Seashore Park. In addition, I am grateful to the chairman for the provision of funds necessary to enlarge the Great Dismal Swamp and for recommending funding levels for various items identical to those contained in the other body's bill.

Mr. DURENBERGER. I thank the Senator.

Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the program direction statement be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the statement was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

PROGRAM DIRECTION STATEMENT—MINNESOTA COOPERATIVE FISH AND WILDLIFE RESEARCH UNIT

The Cooperative Fishery and Wildlife Units Program was established to facilitate cooperation between the Service, universities, State fish and wildlife agencies and private organizations, and to conduct programs of research and education related to fish and wildlife resource management. The objectives of the Units are to: 1) conduct research directed toward the solution of problems of mutual concern related to fish, wildlife and their habitats; 2) provide academic training toward advanced degrees in the fish and wildlife field; 3) provide technical assistance to federal, state, and other conservation agencies related to fish and wildlife management; 4) provide conservation education through publication, lecture and demonstration. The operations of the Unit are governed by a formal Cooperative Agreement signed by the Service, university, state fish and wildlife agency, and the Wildlife Management Institute.

The Minnesota Unit will emphasize research regarding impacts of human activities on aquatic and terrestrial ecosystems which are of state, regional and national significance. The research program will address not only the biological, but also social and economic aspects of both game and nongame fisheries and wildlife management; hence, the Unit will be in the most advantageous position to provide information for strategic and long-range planning by the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Minnesota has a vast fishery and wildlife resource and occupies a geographic area that contains aquatic and terrestrial habitats associated with some of the most important regional and national fishery and wildlife research needs. The state is biogeographically unique, with boreal forest, northern coniferous forest, transition zone and prairie, all of which are, in one way or another, under increasing or changing pressures from human activities. Minnesota is an ideal model for research on effects of these activities on fish and wildlife because the vastness of the resource and variation in habitats within regions provide an unusually large selection of research sites for comparative studies.

Biological studies will involve a wide range of applied and basic research projects designed to mitigate or enhance fish and wildlife in habitats with the potential for severe degradation, heavy use, or offering considerable possibilities for enhancement. These habitats include but are not limited to urban fisheries, agricultural lands, peatlands, and the agriculture-forest transition zone where land-use changes are accelerating with human expansion in the area. All of these problem areas in Minnesota are representative of similar concerns regionally and nationally.

The great surge in public interest in nongame species in recent years across the nation constitutes both a challenge and opportunity for resource management agencies and teaching and research institutions. The public now expects agencies to carry out programs specifically for nongame species. As a result, it is opportune and appro-

priate to have the Unit involved in nongame research.

There is a growing need to incorporate sociological and economic information into fish and wildlife management programs. Public user attitudes, expectations and needs are becoming increasingly important in the formulation of management programs and priorities. Likewise, reliable information on the economic importance of fish and wildlife is becoming an essential ingredient for enlightened planning to help insure that the value of these resources is adequately considered in the formulation of public policy. This is particularly relevant to circumstances in Minnesota where a significant part of the tourist and recreation industry is fish and wildlife oriented. Because public acceptance of fisheries and wildlife management programs is frequently an obstacle to successful implementation, a primary focus of the research will be to examine the economic and social ramifications of proposed management programs and to compare alternatives. This integration of ecological, social and economic research is crucial for decision making regarding fisheries and wildlife policy and planning and yet there are few researchers addressing this issue. The Unit is expected to become a "Center for Excellence" for this integrated research and thereby serve the state and nation as a source of information for public agencies in their development and implementation of fisheries and wildlife management plans.

Mr. McCURE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the pending amendment be temporarily set aside.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

AMENDMENT NO. 2775

Mr. McCURE. Mr. President, I send an amendment to the desk and ask for its immediate consideration.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will report the amendment.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

The Senator from Idaho [Mr. McCURE] proposes an amendment numbered 2775.

Mr. McCURE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that further reading of the amendment be dispensed with.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The amendment is as follows:

On page 14, lines 7-9, begin linetype with the comma after the word "Fund" and continue the linetype through "290" on line 9.

Mr. McCURE. Mr. President, the amendment I am proposing will bring the bill into compliance with the committee report adopting H.R. 5234. This language was inadvertently omitted from the bill and would provide a limitation on the amount of purchaser credits that will be available in fiscal year 1987 for timber purchases.

Mr. JOHNSTON. Mr. President, we concur with the amendment.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. HECHT). The question is on agreeing to the amendment.

The amendment (No. 2775) was agreed to.

Mr. McCURE. Mr. President, I move to reconsider the vote by which the amendment was agreed to.

Mr. JOHNSTON. I move to lay that motion on the table.

The motion to lay on the table was agreed to.

Mr. McCURE. Mr. President, it is an appropriate occasion at this particular time to note that the distinguished occupant of the Chair, the junior Senator from the State of Nevada, Senator CHIC HECHT, as of 3:30 p.m. on Saturday, August 9, had presided over the Senate for 100 hours. Senator HECHT will join three colleagues, Senators PRESSLER, GORTON, and EVANS, in receiving the golden gavel award for the time he has given the Senate by presiding over the Senate during the 99th Congress. I am very pleased to make this notation for the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair thanks the Senator very much.

Mr. McCURE. Mr. President, I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. McCURE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that further proceedings under the quorum call be dispensed with.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

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Mr. McCURE. Mr. President, there is a pending committee amendment which deals with Park Service fees, and it was excepted from those that were adopted by unanimous consent.

There is one major amendment and one minor amendment of which I am aware, and there are a variety of colloquies which Members have indicated they wish to undertake with the chairman of the subcommittee. Other than that, we are ready to go to third reading of the bill.

I urge that those who have an interest in these matters or others which they have not yet brought to our attention—I hope there are not such others—will get to the floor and take care of those matters.

Mr. JOHNSTON. Mr. President, I join the distinguished Senator from Idaho in urging Senators to come to the floor at this point and bring up their amendments or their colloquies.

I think we have been contacted personally by only one Senator asking for protection. We have been made aware of others who are interested in amendments, and we will try to protect them.

I know that the distinguished Senator from Idaho is anxious to get the bill over with. So I urge Senators who have amendments to come to the floor right away, because we are ready to deal with them, and we should soon be ready for final passage of the bill. That will not take place until after the caucuses. But I hope that shortly after

*Also sent
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September 5, 1986

Sen. James A. McClure, Chairman
Subcommittee on Interior Appropriations
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Dear Sen. McClure:

We want to thank you for your support of a funding appropriation of \$1.5 million for land acquisition in the Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge. This action will greatly help in the on-going effort to complete the master plan for this unique, urban wildlife area.

As you well know, the House also approved a \$3.3 million to begin construction of a visitor-interpretative there. We sincerely hope that you will convey to members a House/Senate conference committee our sense of need that this project gets underway. As construction costs rise, it seems to make sense that this project be initiated, especially as site planning and building design is now under contract with FY 86's appropriation of \$600,000. Actual construction in 1987 is a logical next step.

This particular aspect in the development of the refuge will make this area "come alive" for the two million citizens of our metropolitan area.

Again, we appreciate your past support, and are confident it will continue.

Sincerely yours,

Michael A. Bosanko, President
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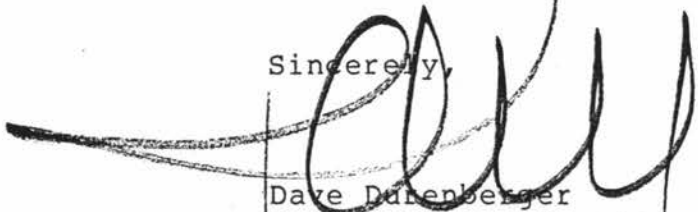
Dear Don:

Thank you for contacting my office regarding the legislation which would appropriate \$4.8 million to build the visitor center and buy more land for the Minnesota Valley Wildlife Refuge.

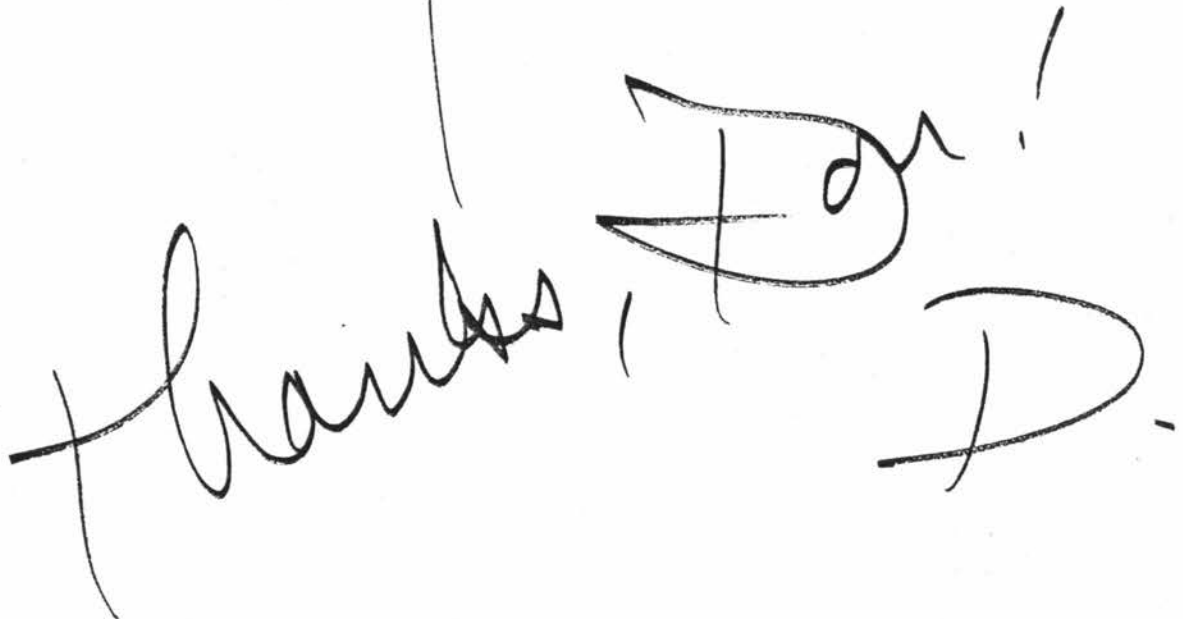
As you know, the House Interior Appropriations bill contains these funds, while they are absent from the Senate version. You can be sure I will do every thing I can to make sure they survive the conference.

Thanks again for contacting me about this subject. Please stay in touch.

Sincerely,


Dave Durenberger
United States Senator

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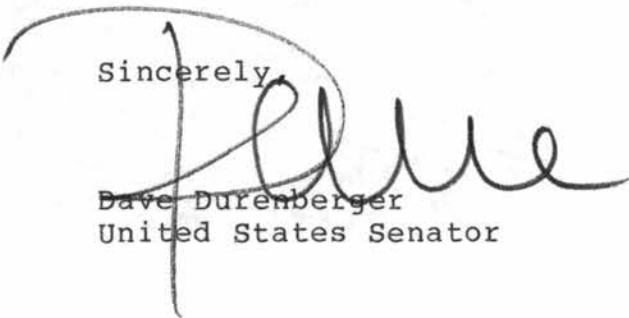
Dear Elaine:

I appreciate you taking the time to contact my office to express your thanks regarding my work for the Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge.

It's always nice to hear some positive feedback from the people I serve back in Minnesota. I realize the importance of this refuge, and you can be sure I'll do all I can to support the refuge in the future.

Thanks again, Elaine, for contacting my office. Please stay in touch!

Sincerely,



Dave Durenberger
United States Senator

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Theresa M. Malin
Director of the Minnesota Valley
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Director of the Minnesota Valley
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Memorandum

4 DEC 1986

To: Regional Directors

From: Acting Director

Subject: Office of Management and Budget Passback

The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Passback has proposed the following rescissions in Fiscal Year 1987:

- 20.5 Resource Management/Congressional adds
- 23.4 Construction Congressional adds
- 40.9 Land Acquisition Congressional adds

We will appeal the rescission amount to reflect obligations incurred in Land Acquisition and Construction accounts.

Regional Directors should take appropriate action to insure that additional funds are not obligated in these areas. Decisions by Congress on the rescissions will probably be made by March 1987.

You are reminded that all information on the 1988 budget process is embargoed until the President submits his budget.

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December 10, 1984

Senator Dave Durenberger
Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Durenberger:

We understand that you are currently planning your agenda for the 1985-86 legislative session and we submit the following proposal for Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge appropriations.

We appreciated House support of refuge funding during the 1984 session, but were disappointed at the outcome of the 1985 appropriations legislation. Although there was a generous appropriation for wildlife refuge land acquisition, no funds were designated for the Minnesota Valley Refuge. In order to fulfill the mandate of the original legislation which established the refuge, it will be necessary to ask for a large appropriation for fiscal year 1985-86.

In view of the fact that over the past five years only \$1 million has been appropriated for the refuge, we propose that \$7.5 million be appropriated for land acquisition and \$6.0 million for the Visitor's Center. We are counting on your strong support in 1985 and would appreciate your sponsorship of legislation to achieve these goals.

Sincerely yours,

Mike Bosanko
President

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February 16, 1987

Senator Dave Durenberger
375 Russell Senate Office Building
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Dear Senator Durenberger:

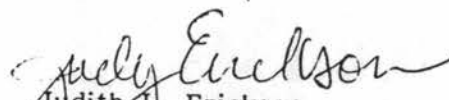
The Fish and Wildlife Legislative Alliance is very concerned with the President's proposal to rescind FY87 funds that were appropriated to the Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge.

These funds are important to continue the development of the Refuge. \$1.6 million was appropriated for land acquisition and \$3.32 million to begin construction of the visitor's center.

As you know, the Refuge provides outstanding conservation education opportunities to the citizens of Minnesota. In addition, it provides valuable habitat for our fisheries and wildlife resources.

We appreciate your past efforts on behalf of the Refuge and urge you to oppose the President's request.

Sincerely,


Judith L. Erickson
Legislative Representative

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Ms. Elaine M. Mellott
Senior Consultant, Public Affairs
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Dear Elaine:

It was a pleasure to meet you during my recent trip to Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge. I want to commend you and the rest of the "Friends of the Refuge" for the outstanding job you have done in focusing attention on the refuge and helping to develop an excellent public awareness program there.

The National Fish and Wildlife Foundation is extremely interested in developing a national urban wildlife refuge system. We consider Minnesota Valley to be one of the hallmarks in the National Wildlife Refuge System. With the cooperation between municipal, county, State and Federal agencies, and the excellent outreach efforts with the general public at the refuge, there is great potential for developing the refuge into a national model. We support your efforts, and, in particular, the recent initiative to establish a landowner notification and contact program.

Please let us know if there is anything we can do to help.

Sincerely,

Charles H. Collins
Executive Director

MARTIN OLAV SABO
5th District, Minnesota

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April 21, 1987

Ms. Elaine Mellot
Board
Friends of the Minnesota Valley
Box 20244
Bloomington, Minnesota 55420

Dear Ms. Mellot:

Thank you for contacting me to express your concerns for land acquisition funding in the fiscal year 1988 budget.

I will be testifying later this spring before the Appropriations Subcommittee on Interior on behalf of the Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge. I also will continue to work for necessary funding through other channels in Congress.

I hope this information is of use to you.

Sincerely,

Martin O. Sabo
Member of Congress

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June 3, 1987

Elaine Mellott
Senior Consultant, Public Affairs
Control Data Corporation
8100 34th Avenue South, Box 0
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55440

Dear Elaine,

Thank you very much for your time the other day. Thank you especially for lunch. I enjoyed meeting you and discussing the important environmental and natural resources issues facing the nation and Minnesota. I hope that this meeting will be one of many we have in the future so that together we can solve the myriad of environmental issues that present themselves. Accordingly, do not hesitate to call me should an issue, problem or question arise. I know that I will not hesitate to call you. (Attached is my card for that purpose).

Thank you again for your time. I am looking forward to hearing from and working with you in the future to make Minnesota an even better place to live.

Sincerely,



Edward A. Garvey
Legislative Assistant to
Senator Dave Durenberger

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MINNESOTA CHAPTER

June 22, 1987

Ms. K.L. Schiwe
7514 Girard Ave. South
Minneapolis, MN 55423

Dear Ms. Schiwe:

The Nature Conservancy is pleased to hear that the Friends of the Minnesota Valley are tackling a registry program for the Minnesota River Valley. We have found the landowner contact program a valuable way to contact many landowners, build relationships, recognize landowner's contributions to the environment and to educate landowner's as to the significance of their property.

From looking over your proposal, you seem to have a solid plan which should enhance the ecology of the Minnesota River Valley for all Minnesotans.

Sincerely,

Margaret A. Kohring
Executive Director

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MARTIN OLAV SABO
5th District, Minnesota

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To Whom It May Concern:

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This program is a tested method designed to involve and educate landowners about the importance of preserving unusual natural environments. It will help conserve the natural wildlife area adjacent to metropolitan Minneapolis/St. Paul, known as the Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge, by identifying, educating and recognizing individuals and corporations who voluntarily preserve their own land bordering this unique urban wilderness area.

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The Friends of Minnesota Valley have been an essential part of the success of this refuge. I urge you to support their request for the Heritage Registry Program so they can continue their good work.

Sincerely,

Martin O. Sabo
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June 23, 1987

Kay L. Schwie, Secretary
Friends of the Minnesota Valley
7514 Girard Avenue South
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55423

Dear Kay,

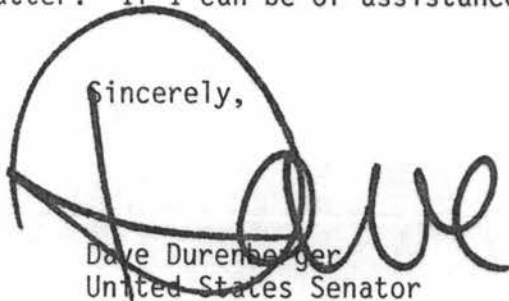
Thank you for your letter explaining the implementation of a Land Heritage Registry Program for the Minnesota Valley Wildlife Refuge.

While as an individual I applaud your efforts to protect the environment, it has been my policy not to interject myself in what is rightfully a local issue.

Washington has been accused, and rightfully so, at times for substituting its judgement for the more responsible and better informed local understanding of a problem.

Thank you for contacting me on this matter. If I can be of assistance in the future, please contact me.

Sincerely,



Dave Durenberger
United States Senator

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cc: Elaine Mellot

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Congress of the United States

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June 24, 1987

*Elaine -
Can we assume
this is relative to
our FY '88 budget
request? - Mike*

Mr. Mike Bosanko, President
Friends of the Minnesota Valley
8407 Penn Avenue South
Bloomington, MN 55431

Dear Mike:

Just a note to let you know that the House has passed its
Interior Appropriations bill.

The bill includes \$2,680,000 for the construction of the visitors
center at the Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge. The
Senate has yet to pass their Interior Appropriations bill. We
are a long way from home on this one, with snags possible in
either the Senate or in the Conference. However, I wanted to let
you know of the House action, and will keep you posted on the
status of the money as the bill moves along.

Should you have any questions, please contact my staff member
Matthew Schumacher in my Washington office.

Yours very truly,

Bill Frenzel
Bill Frenzel
Member of Congress

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MARTIN OLAV SABO
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June 25, 1987

Kay L. Schwie
7514 Girard Avenue So.
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55423

Dear Ms. Schwie:

Enclosed is a letter of support for the Friends of the Minnesota Valley request for funding for the Heritage Registry Program.

I hope that this letter of recommendation will be beneficial in your efforts to obtain funding to help preserve and protect the Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge. Your organization is very beneficial to the progress of the Refuge and I wish you continued success in your future efforts.

Thank you for your continued contact with my office. If there are any other questions or problems, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Martin O. Sabo
Member of Congress

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ENCLOSURE

XC: Elaine M. Mellot

MARTIN OLAV SABO
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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Martin O. Sabo".

Martin O. Sabo
Member of Congress

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July 16, 1987

Don Knowles
Subcommittee on Interior and
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Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Don:

We are writing to let you know of our continued support for funding to complete the visitor's center at Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge. The House has provided \$2.68 million. We urge the Senate to agree to this level.

We have reviewed the preliminary design plans for the center and exhibits. The plans are outstanding and when completed the center will be a national focus for wildlife management education.

We will be hosting our annual Congressional lunch on August 14, 1987. At that time we will be reviewing the visitor center plans with local Congressional staff. We invite you to join us for lunch and a comprehensive tour of the refuge. The Friends will cover all your expenses to and from Minneapolis. Tentative reservations have already been made. Please contact Judy Erickson at (612)-291-8719 to complete the arrangements or if you have questions.

We sincerely hope you will be able to join us and see for yourself why this refuge is so unique among refuges.

Sincerely,

Shirley Asklund
President
Friends of the Minnesota Valley

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July 16, 1987

Honorable Bill Frenzel
U.S. House of Representatives
1026 Longworth
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Bill:

Thank you for your continued efforts in support of the Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge.

We are thrilled with the House appropriation of \$2.68 million for completion of the visitor's center at the refuge. The design plans for the center are outstanding! The center, with its emphasis on wildlife management education, will be the jewel in the crown of the national wildlife refuge system.

Many, many thanks!

Sincerely,

Shirley Asklund
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July 20, 1987

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Dear Congressman Sabo:

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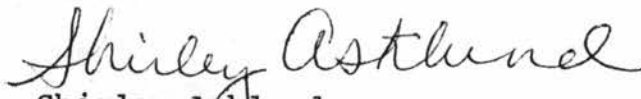
We are thrilled with the House appropriation of \$2.68 million to complete the visitor's center. Thank you very much for taking care of us.

We have reviewed the design plans for the center and exhibits. They are outstanding! The exhibit's emphasis on wildlife management education should prove to be the crown jewel of the national wildlife refuge system.

We would like to personally thank you for your efforts. We would also like to review the design plans with you at your convenience. Judith Erickson will be in touch with your Minnesota scheduler to make these arrangements.

We hope to see you soon. Again, thank you very much.

Sincerely,


Shirley Asklund
President
Friends of the Minnesota Valley

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July 24, 1987

Don Knowles
Subcommittee on Interior and
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118 Dirksen Building
Washington D.C. 20510

Dear Don,

I am writing to urge you to accept the generous invitation from the Friends of the Minnesota Valley to visit the Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge. I visit the Refuge every chance I get. It is an extraordinarily beautiful place, supporting an amazing amount of wildlife (a fact even more amazing because of its close proximity to the major urban centers of St. Paul and Minneapolis, Minnesota). Thus, a visit during the August recess would be a delightful reprieve from the hectic day-to-day pace of Washington. Accordingly, I urge you to accept the Friends's invitation.

I also urge you, as an important and influential Appropriations Committee staff person, to use your influence with the Committee to follow the House's lead in authorizing \$2,680,000 for the construction of a Visitor Center at the Refuge. The Center would provide access to this Refuge for the millions of people who live within a short drive from the beauty of the Minnesota River Valley. Thus, the Center is very important to Minnesota and me.

Thank you for your consideration, and again, I urge you to visit the Refuge, it will visit you will never forget.

Sincerely,


Dave Durenberger
United States Senator

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cc: Shirley Asklund

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July 24, 1987

Don Knowles
Subcommittee on Interior and
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Committee on Appropriations
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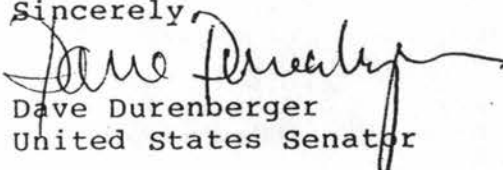
Dear Don,

I am writing to urge you to accept the generous invitation from the Friends of the Minnesota Valley to visit the Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge. I visit the Refuge every chance I get. It is an extraordinarily beautiful place, supporting an amazing amount of wildlife (a fact even more amazing because of its close proximity to the major urban centers of St. Paul and Minneapolis, Minnesota). Thus, a visit during the August recess would be a delightful reprieve from the hectic day-to-day pace of Washington. Accordingly, I urge you to accept the Friends's invitation.

I also urge you, as an important and influential Appropriations Committee staff person, to use your influence with the Committee to follow the House's lead in authorizing \$2,680,000 for the construction of a Visitor Center at the Refuge. The Center would provide access to this Refuge for the millions of people who live within a short drive from the beauty of the Minnesota River Valley. Thus, the Center is very important to Minnesota and me.

Thank you for your consideration, and again, I urge you to visit the Refuge, it will visit you will never forget.

Sincerely,


Dave Durenberger
United States Senator

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cc: Shirley Asklund

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The Honorable Robert Byrd
Chairman
United States Senate
Appropriations Committee
Subcommittee on Interior & Related Agencies
SD-114

Dear Robert,

As the Committee prepares for mark-up on the Fiscal Year 1988 Department of the Interior and Related Agencies Appropriation Bill, I thought I would relay some of Minnesota's higher priority needs to you.

MINNESOTA VALLEY NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

The House has authorized \$2,680,000 for the construction of a Visitor's Center for the Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge. A beautiful Center has been designed and a breath taking site selected; all that is needed is the money for its construction. Accordingly, I urge you to follow the House's lead and fund the construction of the Center.

I also request that \$8 million be allocated for land acquisition. There are in-holdings that need to be purchased to preserve the integrity and purpose of the Refuge.

VOYAGEURS NATIONAL PARK

The House authorized \$250,000 for the "construction" of Kettle Falls Hotel in Voyageurs National Park. This is more planning money than construction; \$3 million dollars are needed to properly fund the Hotel's construction. Thus, while supporting the House's limited authorization, I urge you to take the full step and fully fund the construction of the Hotel.

BUREAU OF MINES

The House has authorized \$2,500,000 to the University of Minnesota, Pennsylvania State University, and West Virginia University for respirable dust research. This kind of research is very important to my state with its long history of mining and hope that you will follow the House's lead in recognizing its importance.

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BUREAU OF MINES (con't)

I also hope that you will support the House's action in providing \$1,000,000 to the Bureau for selective mining techniques for iron and other related ores. Recognizing the research leadership of the University of Minnesota will support the Bureau of Mines in this research. This kind of research will lay the foundation for the resurgence of the Minnesota's and Nation's iron ore mining industry.

FOREST SERVICE

I urge you to support the House's authorization \$200,000 to the St. Paul office of the North Central Forest Experiment Station for cold water fish habitat; \$300,000 for the Grand Rapids office for aspen-birch management; as well as designating the Grand Rapids office the recipient of a portion of \$1,442,000 for atmospheric deposition research. This research will not only help Minnesota but the Nation's timber and related industries.

Though generous in providing the North Central Forest Research Station funding, the House neglected to fund the Duluth office. This will mean this invaluable office will be closed at the very time when the timber industry in the Upper Midwest is rebounding from a depression.

Also, I urge you to support the the House's designation of \$200,000 to the Boundary Waters Canoe Area to fulfill authorized level of \$3 million.

GRAND PORTAGE NATIONAL MONUMENT

On August 1, 1951 the Grand Portage band of Chippewa Indians donated to 700 acres of land to the Park Service through a cooperative agreement. This land was intended to become a national monument with all the traditional trappings like a visitor's center. It did in fact become a national monument in 1958 and is also a designated national historic site. Yet, after 30 years it has nothing, there are no facilities of any kind at this national monument. The Monument's Superintendent has to keep his office 40 miles away in Grand Morais. This angers both the Indians and me. In 1973 a master plan was prepared and has been followed. \$276,000 has been spent on planning with construction possible in December of this year. But the House has not allocated the necessary money.

Accordingly, I urge you to rectify this long-suffering shortcoming. My suggested appropriation is \$6 million. This would cover a visitor center, necessary staff housing, and roadway alterations. I am aware that this is a large request in these austere times but this long neglected situation cries out for a remedy.

I appreciate your attention to these matter.

Sincerely



Senator Dave Durenberger
United States Senator

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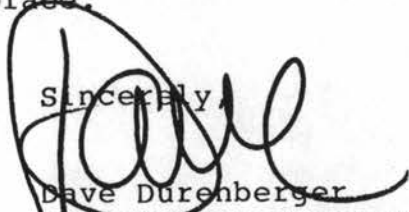
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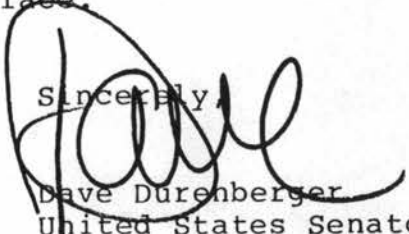
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**Member of Congress
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August 1987

Congress Addresses Foreign Policy, Budget, Trade, Health Issues

But September Will Bring a Mad Rush to Resolve Major Agenda Items

Congress made some significant progress this summer on important issues ranging from foreign policy and trade to the budget and health care.

The work of the Iran-Contra panels dominated the news from Washington during the 11 weeks of public hearings. The testimony was essential to getting the facts out about the Administration's policy of trading arms for hostages and diverting the profits to the Contras. The American people have a right to know what was going on. The hearings clearly showed a White House in disarray and a foreign policy making process run amok.

In the words of Senate Chairman Daniel K. Inouye, "a chilling story" was told "of deceit and duplicity and arrogant disregard for the rule of law." He also expressed his hope that the hearings served to help us "all better understand and appreciate our Constitution, strive harder to preserve it and make a fresh start at restoring the trust between the branches of government."

But the Iran-Contra hearings were not the only thing going on on Capitol Hill. The House and Senate both passed major trade bills designed to boost our international competitiveness and combat unfair trade practices. Legislation providing catastrophic health insurance for the elderly cleared the House and a Senate Committee. The House passed nine of the 13 annual spending bills. And a measure providing aid to the homeless was signed into law.

Budget: Congress adopted a budget, setting the broad guidelines governing federal spending and revenue. The plan calls for changes that will reduce next year's federal budget deficit by \$37 billion.

While some domestic programs would be cut, the budget freezes spending on most. A few programs would be allowed to grow to keep up with inflation. And extra funding was provided for national priority programs — such as AIDS research and aid to the homeless — and new initiatives in education, child development, trade, and health.

The budget calls for putting \$19 billion in additional revenue into a special deficit-reduction trust fund. This money will make a serious contribution toward reducing the flow of red ink next year.

The budget would allow Pentagon spending to rise by the

Sabo Sponsors Augsburg Intern



Kirk Pederson, a 1987 graduate of Minneapolis' Augsburg College, worked in Congressman Sabo's Washington office this summer. His three-month internship helped him to learn first-hand about Congress.

rate of inflation, a \$6 billion hike, in order to protect military personnel and readiness accounts. However, should the President refuse to accept the spending cuts and revenue increases needed to make a serious dent in the deficit, defense spending will be held to a lower level.

This provision gives the President a choice. He can either have a slight increase in defense spending and greater deficit reduction or lower defense spending and a larger deficit. Congress does not want to give him the option of more borrowing.

While Congress accomplished some positive things this summer, a lot of decisions must still be made. After Labor Day,

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FLOOD DISASTER RELIEF AVAILABLE

The President's August 6 declaration that six Minnesota counties — including Hennepin County — have suffered a "major disaster" due to the July floods triggered a variety of programs offering relief to the storm's victims. In Hennepin County, assistance is available to individuals and businesses whose homes or property were damaged and to help repair damaged public facilities. The federal Disaster Relief Program is designed to supplement the efforts and resources of state and local governments and voluntary relief organizations.

If your home, personal property or business was damaged in the storm, you should first determine if the loss is covered by your insurance. If not, you may be eligible for help from the federal government. A broad range of assistance is available. In our area, it will primarily consist of housing assistance, low-interest loans, some grants, and tax relief. To find out if you are eligible, visit one of the designated Disaster Application Centers or call:

DISASTER INFORMATION HOTLINE: 1-800-422-6881

CONGRESSMAN SABO'S OFFICE: 348-1649

House OKs Funds for New Wildlife Refuge Visitor Center

The House on June 25 paved the way for construction to begin on a visitor center at the Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge when it approved my request for the final \$2.68 million needed to build the facility.

The \$6 million building will be a major new public facility for the entire Twin Cities area — used by school children and all Minnesotans who love nature and the outdoors. It will emphasize wildlife management, host educational programs, and feature exhibit areas, an audiovisual theater, and classrooms.

The 35,000-square-foot center will be built on East 80th Street in Bloomington on a bluff overlooking Long Meadow



Lake. Getting the construction money now will allow building to begin next spring, ensure that the project stays on schedule, and let us build it at a better price.

The funding must still be approved by the Senate. Last year, I succeeded in getting the first \$3.32 million in construction money through Congress despite Senate and presidential opposition.

The refuge runs for 36 miles along the Minnesota River from Fort Snelling to Jordan. It should serve as a model for the entire nation. Its location and the rare combination of federal, state, local, and private support clearly shows that with proper planning and support, wildlife can flourish amid urban growth.

Funds to Build Bassett Creek Flood-Control Tunnel Approved

Last month's disastrous flooding in the Twin Cities should remind us of the importance of flood-control projects. One vital local project, on which we are making steady progress, is designed to alleviate the flooding of Bassett Creek that plagues parts of Minneapolis and its north-western suburbs.

A nine-city coalition has been working with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for over a decade to protect homes, commercial and industrial developments, highways and railroads from the frequent flooding of the creek.

One positive recent development was the House's approval of my request for the \$3.6 million needed to

begin construction of a new tunnel to carry flood and storm water safely under downtown Minneapolis to the Mississippi River.

We desperately need to replace an old conduit that now carries the creek under the City. Parts of it were built nearly a century ago. It is in total disrepair and subject to collapse. Should the tunnel become blocked during a serious flood, damage could exceed \$28 million in the area near the tunnel entrance alone.

Besides the tunnel, plans call for controlling flooding in upstream areas by increasing runoff capabilities into existing golf courses, parks, and other open spaces.

Fall Agenda (continued)

there will be a rush to resolve a host of major issues before the fiscal year ends September 30.

The budget only sets the broad outlines for federal expen-

ditures and revenue. Now Congress must pass, and the President must sign, legislation that makes these goals real.

Before the start of the new fiscal year we must enact specific funding bills and measures making spending cuts. Likewise, while the budget calls for raising more revenue, we must still decide the best way to do it. Failure to do so would be irresponsible. It will mean higher deficits, which we clearly cannot afford.

Sabo Hosts Procurement Conference



Congressman Sabo welcomed the more than 100 persons who attended the recent Federal Procurement Conference for Small Businesses he sponsored. The conference was designed to acquaint local businesses with the goods and services needed by the federal government and the procedures for obtaining contracts.

Arms control: One of the most controversial issues Congress will consider when it writes spending bills is arms control. The House this summer approved four positive initiatives, which I helped draft, in this important area. The Senate has not acted on any defense legislation this year, so a showdown on arms control is near.

The House initiatives, of course, are all contingent on Soviet compliance. They would ban all but the smallest nuclear weapons tests; require the President to once again adhere to the weapons ceilings of the 1979 SALT II Treaty; continue an existing ban on the testing of anti-satellite (ASAT) weapons; and require continued compliance with the traditional interpretation of the Anti-ballistic Missile (ABM) Treaty, which bars the development and testing of space-based defensive systems like the President's Strategic Defense Initiative.

This fall promises to bring a flurry of congressional activity. I hope it results in real progress in reducing the budget deficit, the adoption of fair and responsible funding and tax bills, and major strides forward in the field of arms control.

Sabo Report:

- Flood Disaster Relief
- Budget
- Arms Control
- Wildlife Refuge
- Bassett Creek

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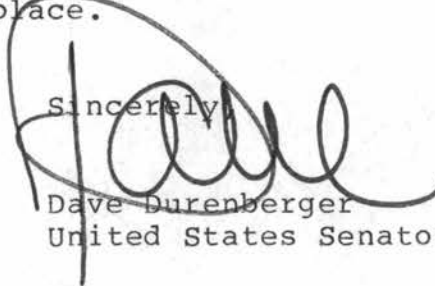
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August 18, 1987

Les Malkerson
Box 98
Shakopee, MN 55379

Dear Mr. Malkerson:

On behalf of the Friends of the Minnesota Valley,
I am pleased to invite you to be an Honorary
Director of the Friends.

Honorary Directors are chosen for their commitment
and contributions to the Minnesota Valley National
Wildlife Refuge. This position does not carry any
obligations beyond listing your name on our
letter head. A "working" board handles all of the
day to day details of the Friends. Of course,
you will receive regular mailings and the opportunity
to participate in Friends events if you chose.

We are very excited about the Refuge's future and
the role it will play in wildlife and waterfowl
management as well as providing unique education
and recreation opportunities in the metro area.

We appreciate your consideration of our invitation
and look forward to hearing from you. If you have
any questions, please feel free to contact
Shirley Asklund, President at 830-9339, or myself.

Sincerely,

Janet Watson
Board Member

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August 25, 1987

Honorable James Oberstar
231 Federal Building
Duluth, MN 55802

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We have reviewed the design plans for the center and exhibits. They are outstanding! The exhibit's emphasis on wildlife management education should prove to be the crown jewel of the national wildlife refuge system.

Because of your assistance and commitment to the values of the refuge, we would like to invite you to review the design plans of the center at your convenience. Judith Erickson (612-291-8719) will be in touch with Bill Richards to make these arrangements.

We hope to see you soon. Again, thank you very much.

Sincerely,

Shirley Asklund
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Sincerely,

Shirley Asklund
President
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September 24, 1987

No. 87-399

Ms. Lila Bates
Board of Directors
Friends of the
Minnesota Valley
Box 20244
Bloomington, MN 55420

Dear Ms. Bates:

Thank you for your letter dated September 4, 1987, in which you elicit the interest of The McKnight Foundation in providing funding assistance to the Friends of the Minnesota Valley for support of the Heritage Registry Program to identify private land bordering the Minnesota Valley Wildlife for voluntary preservation efforts.

The Board of Directors of the Foundation meets quarterly to consider grant requests and I would suggest that you submit a grant proposal (an original plus six copies) at least ten weeks prior to the meeting of the Directors. The deadline for submitting proposals for the Directors meeting in February 1988 is December 1, 1987.

in proposal
To assist you in the preparation of your proposal, I am enclosing a copy of our Grantmaking Policies and Procedures and our most recent Annual Report. Please note that, along with the substantive proposal, the Foundation requires the submission of certain legal and financial documents, i.e., ~~IRS tax-exempt determination letter, articles of incorporation, by-laws, listing of board of directors, a copy of the most recent audited financial report,~~ and evidence that the applicant organization has complied with Minnesota State regulations regarding charitable organizations.

If you have any additional questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,



Thomas S. Berg
Senior Program Officer

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October 8, 1987

Elaine Mellott
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Dear Elaine,

Enclosed, please find a recent statement Senator Durenberger made regarding the refuge. I thought you would enjoy reading it.

Sincerely,



Bonnie K. McCarvel
Legislative Assistant
Agriculture, Environment and Natural Resources
Senator Dave Durenberger

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Enclosure

Senator JOHNSTON and Senator McCURE to recede to the House position for these valuable energy programs.

The last matter we wish to address is the technology and consumer products program, which is a cost-effective energy conservation effort. The House approved \$650,000 for oil heating equipment research. This research could save millions of dollars in unnecessary oil consumption, reducing our dependence on foreign oil.

Mr. HEINZ. I agree with my colleague. Oil heat conservation is an intelligent investment in our energy future, and I hope the House level can be provided.

Mr. JOHNSTON. My colleagues have discussed several important energy research efforts. In conference, we will try to assist them. I know they recognize the constraints we face, and appreciate the outlay ceilings under which we must operate. If that ceiling should be adjusted, I would be happy to help them with these matters.

Mr. McCURE. Effective coal utilization and energy conservation are very important endeavors. If possible, we will try to help the Senators.

Mr. SPECTER. I appreciate my colleagues' remarks, and look forward to working with them for an aggressive research and development effort.

Mr. HEINZ. Senator JOHNSTON and Senator McCURE have been very helpful, and I certainly appreciate their assistance.

MINNESOTA VALLEY VISITOR CENTER

Mr. DURENBERGER. I want to bring to your attention a very important project, important to the country and the State of Minnesota: the Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge Visitor Center. This center will be the crown jewel in one of the loveliest spots in the country. The House recognized this and appropriated \$2.68 million for construction of the center.

This money is needed to complete the project that has been years in the making and serve as the second and final phase of a long-term project. In fact the project has been prolonged to the extent that even this generous sum will not meet the project's full needs. This shortfall will come from the generous pockets of those in the Twin Cities of Minneapolis and St. Paul and surrounding suburbs like Bloomington, who live so near and enjoy the refuge. Thus, completion of the visitor center will be a symbol of uncommon local and Federal fiscal cooperation.

This you all know, gentlemen. And what I am sure you also know is that due to these fiscally austere times and not in any way reflecting on the merits of the visitor center, the center was not funded by the Senate Committee on Appropriations.

I regret, I am sure you gentlemen do too, both the needed fiscal austerity and subsequent failure of the committee to fund the visitor center. Nevertheless, I ask you as leaders of the

Senate to follow the House's lead and fund the visitor center when this issue is discussed in conference.

Mr. McCURE. Thank you for bringing this important issue to my attention. I am aware of the extensive work you, Senator DURENBERGER, have done in trying to get funding for the center. I would note that the Senate's allocation is not the same as the House's and it is unclear if new allocations will be made.

Mr. JOHNSTON. I also want to thank you, Senator DURENBERGER, for bringing this issue to my attention. It is indeed important and I, like Senator McCURE, will give this project every consideration when we get to conference.

DULUTH FOREST STATION

Mr. DURENBERGER. On another topic, the Duluth office of the North Central Forest Experiment Station, I am happy to bring to your attention a solution to a problem that has troubled me and my constituents. Both the House and Senate Appropriation Committees failed to fund the Duluth office meaning it would be closed. Such a closure would have dramatic detrimental consequences to the timber industry in the upper Midwest. It is this office that has provided the now booming Minnesota timber industry the raw data enabling the industry to expand its plants and production through the northern portion of Minnesota.

Mr. President, during the last 24 hours, I have become aware of an effort by the State of Minnesota, in cooperation with the Forest Service to provide funding for the Duluth station. Under the proposed agreement, funding of the station would come from a State-Federal matching program, with the State providing \$90,000 and the remainder coming from a reallocation of resources among Minnesota's three stations. This appears to be a promising alternative to closing the Duluth station. Although I am not happy that some of the money may have to come from the Minnesota offices, I am aware, and grudgingly, see the necessity of this and believe it is for the overall good of the State and forest industry.

In the interest of expediting this measure, I will not offer specific language to this bill on this matter, nor do I wish to delay consideration while the specifics are worked out. What I would ask of the managers is a willingness to consider language in the conference report to accompany his measure which will provide the authority for the Forest Service to proceed with funding of the Duluth station according to the final arrangement that can be worked out among the parties.

Would the managers be willing to give me such an assurance?

Mr. McCURE. This does sound like a promising agreement. Since I am from a State with extensive natural resources, particularly timber, I recognize the value of forest economic re-

search. This kind of research is important so that the resources can be put to their best and most productive use. I also recognize the value that the Duluth office has played in the resurgence of the timber industry throughout the upper midwest. In addition, I recognize the value of joint State and Federal ventures to fund needed projects. The proposed arrangement is a very good way of alleviating all too common budget constraints and will be happy to work with the Senator on conference report language outlining this agreement.

Mr. JOHNSTON. I, too, recognize the promise of this agreement worked out between the Forest Service and the State of Minnesota and believe it serves all party's best interest. Accordingly, I will work to incorporate conference report language solidifying this agreement.

HAVASUPAI RANGE REHABILITATION

Mr. McCURE. Mr. President, the committee has recommended \$900,000 "to develop a range rehabilitation plan for the Havasupai Tribe." Since the tribe, in cooperation with the Soil Conservation Service and the Bureau of Indian Affairs, prepared a range rehabilitation plan in March 1986, I would hope that the language would not prevent the tribe from using these funds to proceed with implementation of that plan, which would include various natural resource development activities.

Mr. JOHNSTON. I understand the Senator from Idaho's concern, and it is the intent of the committee for the funds to be utilized for implementation of the plan.

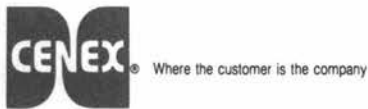
Mr. CHILES. Mr. President, as chairman of the Senate Committee on the Budget, I would like to inform the Senate that H.R. 2712, the Interior Appropriations bill, is within the spending limits set forth pursuant to section 302(b) of the Budget Act. The bill, as reported, is under the budget authority ceiling by \$19 million and under the outlay ceiling by \$10 million. I would like to commend the distinguished chairman of the subcommittee, Senator BYRD, the ranking member of the subcommittee, Senator McCURE, and Senator JOHNSTON for their success in crafting this measure.

Mr. President, I have a table that sets forth the official scoring of the Interior Appropriations bill, and I ask unanimous consent that it be inserted in the RECORD at the appropriate place.

SENATE BUDGET COMMITTEE SCORING OF H.R. 2712— INTERIOR BILL—SPENDING TOTALS

(Senate reported, dollars in billions)

Bill Scoring	Fiscal year 1988	
	Budget authority	Outlays
H.R. 2712, Senate reported (new Budget authority and outlays)	10.0	6.8



Box 64089, St. Paul, MN 55164-0089
Telephone (612) 451-5151

November 16, 1987

Shirley Asklund, President
Friends of the Minnesota Valley
Box 20244
Bloomington, Minnesota 55420

Dear Ms. Asklund:

Thank you for the opportunity to contribute to the Friends of the Minnesota Valley. Unfortunately, we must decline.

CENEX is a regional farm supply cooperative serving 15 states across the upper Northwest. Because we are a farm cooperative, we are owned by 750,000 farm families in this trade area. While the Friends of the Minnesota Valley is certainly a worthy cause, our main concern at this particular time in agricultural history is to direct such limited contribution funds as are available toward more direct relief for the farm and rural communities we serve.

Best wishes for success in this worthy endeavor.

Sincerely,

Mary Kaste
Governmental Affairs



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DNR INFORMATION
(612) 296-6157

February 19, 1988

Elaine Mellott
Friends of the Minnesota Valley
9400 Old Cedar Avenue South
Bloomington, MN 55431

Dear Ms. Mellott:

The Legislative Commission on Minnesota Resources (LCMR) has allocated funds for a two year project to develop an instream flow program for allocation and conservation of Minnesota's stream resources. The study is a cooperative effort between the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Division of Waters and Division of Fish and Wildlife, and will expand on the recently completed LCMR funded "Water Allocation and Management" project.

Minnesota's water resources are an integral part of the State's natural and economic heritage. We are indeed fortunate that Minnesota law allows opportunities for the protection of those resources through the establishment of protected flows on those streams where water use conflicts threaten other instream uses.

In order to make sound water management decisions and maintain adequate instream flows for fish and wildlife habitat, water-based recreation, water quality, and aesthetics, there is a need to develop an instream flow program for the State that will accurately determine these instream flow requirements. These protected flows are critical to the well-being of Minnesota's water-based economy, as well as practical local water planning, water allocation, and conflict resolution.

This project will analyze various instream flow methods based on hydrologic and biological data to determine their feasibility and applicability in Minnesota. Rivers of interest for this study include the Cannon, Zumbro, Otter Tail, and the Upper Minnesota. Study sites were chosen along reaches of these rivers where there currently exists issues of concern. These issues include local water planning, management of the fishery resource, hydropower licensing, and reservoir operation. It is hoped that instream flow analysis will become a tool utilized to address these and other issues concerning streamflows throughout all of Minnesota.

Results of the study will allow the Department to identify the appropriate methods for determining instream flows according to the desired level of management and budget. Our main goal is to develop a resource management program for decision-making regarding water resource protection policy, while maintaining opportunities for continued resource development. This is to be accomplished through the determination and implementation of protected flows on those streams that have or may experience water use conflict, and through resource enhancement programs.

*Shirley -
this needs to
be discussed at next
Board meeting - with
cogin - We should probably
respond in a supportive
manner. - Shirley
note is ok. Elaine M.*

Page Two

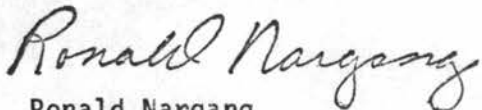
In the past, decisions on establishing protected flows were made with less than adequate information. To sufficiently identify instream flow needs, factors which require consideration include watershed characteristics, stream hydraulics, flow regimes, aquatic biology, water quality, and existing resource management and use. A long-term instream flow program for the State will allow the Department to collect and analyze the data necessary to effectively develop, enhance and protect Minnesota's stream resources.

Attached for your review is an outline of the Water Allocation and Conservation project plan. If you have any comments, suggestions, or related information you wish to share, please contact Pat Olson at 612/296-0445 or Pat Lynch at 612/296-0810.

We appreciate your interest and support of our effort. If adequate interest in the project is generated, a public meeting will be held to further discuss the study. If such a meeting is scheduled, those who have expressed interest will be notified as to the date and location so that a representative of their organization can attend.

Sincerely,

DIVISION OF WATERS

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ronald Nargang".

Ronald Nargang
Director

RN/PL:fw

Attachment
cc: LCMR

LCMR WATER ALLOCATION & CONSERVATION PLAN (1987-1989)

Instream flow is the retention of streamflows in amounts adequate for fish and wildlife habitat, water-based recreation, navigation, water quality and aesthetics. Increasing competition for the withdrawal and use of stream resources in Minnesota brings about the need to develop an instream flow program for the State which identifies the instream flow needs required to maintain adequate streamflow for any desired level of management and budget. Once instream flow needs are identified, protected flows can be established to curtail water appropriation on streams when water withdrawal threatens other instream uses.

Methods for identifying instream flow needs in Minnesota will be accomplished through the Water Allocation and Conservation project currently underway. Participants in this study are the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Division of Waters and the Division of Fish and Wildlife.

I. GOAL/OBJECTIVES OF THE PROJECT

A. Goal - To develop an Instream Flow Program for the State to guide the determination of water needs for and the protection, enhancement, and management of fish and wildlife habitat, water-based recreation, water quality and navigation, and to enable the allocation and development of stream resources without adverse affects on other stream users.

B. Objectives

1. To expand the Department's capability to interlink hydrologic and biologic components through development of instream flow techniques and information systems.
2. To create a data base relating warm water stream fish species to their habitat and stream flow requirements.
3. To develop instream flow methods applicable in Minnesota which can be utilized for varying levels of management and budget.
4. To determine specific protected flow requirements for areas where local water planning is or may be occurring, areas of existing or potential water use conflict, and for licensing and relicensing of hydropower projects.

II. ACTIVITIES

A. Division of Fish and Wildlife

1. Develop species habitat criteria (preference curves) for select fish species and verify existing curves for additional species.
2. Validate curves and determine the range of applicability for this database throughout the State.

B. Division of Waters

1. Develop instream flow methods, adapt existing methods, and apply methodologies on Minnesota streams.
2. Re-evaluate existing protected flows and, based on instream flow analysis, amend where necessary.
3. Introduce instream flow considerations where local water planning and hydropower licensing and relicensing is occurring.
4. Develop and implement instream flow protection for streams where water use conflicts may or have occurred.

III. BENEFITS

- A. Will provide an integrated resource management program for negotiation and decision making for resource protection, economic development, and local water planning.
- B. Will create a large database (fish/habitat curves) which can be utilized in other resource management plans.
- C. Will provide the groundwork for further study and development of a set of instream flow guidelines and procedures for use by resource management agencies in Minnesota.
- D. Will provide a tool for resolving water use conflict where competition for the resource adversely affects other instream users.
- E. Will provide a means for resource enhancement through computer modelling capabilities.



United States Department of the Interior



FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

MINNESOTA VALLEY NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE
4101 East 80th Street
Bloomington, Minnesota 55425

IN REPLY REFER TO:

March 1, 1988

Ms. Kay Schwie
7514 Girard Avenue South
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55423

Dear Kay:

I understand that the Friends of the Minnesota Valley is interested in possibly forming a cooperative association for the bookstore at our new Visitor Center.

I have had some experience with cooperative associations. When I was at Seney National Wildlife Refuge we broke away from an association based in International Falls, Minnesota (Lake States Interpretive Association), and formed our own local association.

Enclosed are the Articles of Incorporation and By-laws of the Seney Natural History Association. I will be able to attend your April board meeting to discuss this further with you and to answer any questions.

Thanks for your interest!

Sincerely yours,

Kate Winsor
Park Ranger



UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA
TWIN CITIES

College of Forestry
Department of Fisheries & Wildlife
200 Hodson Hall
1980 Folwell Avenue
St. Paul, Minnesota 55108

March 9, 1988

Ms. Kay Schwie
Friends of the Minnesota Valley
Box 20244
Bloomington, MN 55420

Dear Ms. Schwie:

I am very pleased to be able to inform you that we were successful in obtaining funding for the Minnesota Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research Unit. We hope to have the Unit leader hired by July 1 and two assistant leaders shortly thereafter.

We are very excited about the prospects for expanded fisheries and wildlife research in the region that this Unit will provide. I am convinced of the important role that individuals such as yourself played in bringing the Unit establishment to fruition.

Thank you again for your involvement and continued support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ira R. Adelman".

Ira R. Adelman
Professor and Head

ecosystems. The research program will address the biological, social, and economic aspects of both game and nongame fisheries and wildlife management.

Minnesota has a vast fishery and wildlife resource and occupies a geographic area containing aquatic and terrestrial habitats that are associated with some of the most important regional and national fishery and wildlife research needs. The state is biogeographically unique with boreal forest, northern coniferous forest, transition zone, and prairie, all of which are, in one way or another, under increasing or changing pressures from human activities.

Research activities of the unit will involve a wide range of applied and basic research projects designed to mitigate or enhance fish and wildlife in habitats with the potential for severe degradation or heavy use or offering considerable possibilities for enhancement. These habitats include urban fisheries, agricultural lands, peatlands, and the agriculture-forest transition zone where land-use changes are accelerating with human expansion in the area. All of these problem areas in Minnesota are representative of similar concerns regionally and nationally.

Because public acceptance is necessary for successful implementation of fisheries and wildlife management programs, an important focus of the research will be to examine the economic and social ramifications of proposed management programs and to compare alternatives. This integration of ecological, social, and economic research is crucial for decision-making regarding fisheries and wildlife policy and planning. The Minnesota Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Unit is expected to become a center for excellence for this integrated research and thereby serve the state and nation as a source of information for public agencies in their development and implementation of fisheries and wildlife management plans.

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Office of the Dean

College of Forestry
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Ann Mayhew, Assistant to the Dean
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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
February 24, 1988

News Release

**Minnesota Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research Unit
Established at University of Minnesota**

A cooperative fish and wildlife research unit, one of 34 in the United States, has been established in the Department of Fisheries and Wildlife, University of Minnesota, to facilitate cooperation between the University, the Fish and Wildlife Service, the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, and the Wildlife Management Institute. The unit will consist of three Fish and Wildlife Service scientists who will be granted faculty status in the Department of Fisheries and Wildlife and participate in the graduate education and research programming of the department.

The entire Minnesota congressional delegation worked in Congress to establish the cooperative unit with Congressman Frenzel and Senators Boschwitz and Durenberger taking the major initiative. The unit was authorized by the 1986 Congress and funded in 1987. Many conservation and sporting organizations and private individuals gave support to the effort.

The Minnesota Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research Unit will emphasize research regarding impacts of human activities on aquatic and terrestrial

April, 1988

Dear

The Friends of the Minnesota Valley ask that the _____ give thoughtful consideration to this proposal requesting \$_____ over a period of two years for support of the Heritage Registry Program.

This program will help conserve the natural wildlife area adjacent to metropolitan St. Paul/Minneapolis known as The Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge, by identifying, educating and recognizing individuals and corporations who voluntarily preserve their own land bordering this unique Minnesota River Valley habitat.

The cost of the project is \$114,000 and will take two years to complete. The enclosed proposal and supporting information details the Heritage Registry Program.

We are a group of volunteers who recognize the importance of preserving the natural state of the Minnesota Valley. The Heritage Registry Program is a successful method designed to involve and educate landowners about the importance of preserving this unusual urban natural habitat.

Demographics show our time to preserve this resource is quickly drawing to a close. The population of the area is becoming high density residential. The green space provided by the Minnesota Valley is important to the residents as well as urban dwellers who have an interest in the uniqueness of a large wilderness setting in the midst of an urban area. The flood plain wetlands and bluff edges are very important to the wildlife and vegetation (in some cases endangered species and wetland fens known to exist in this area only) that cohabit with human activity in the Valley.

Your involvement in conservation projects and helping to fund these activities is to be commended. Our goals in this regard are compatible. Our purpose is "to preserve the natural and cultural resources of the Minnesota Valley, while providing wildlife oriented education, recreation and compatible economic opportunity".

This request to the _____ constitutes ____% of the total cost of this project. Other foundations, individuals and corporations are being asked to participate with us.

As the enclosed letters of support indicate, the Valley serves a vital function for the wildlife it sustains and is also a very special place to many urban area individuals. Other attachments provide information and elaborate upon details found within this proposal.

The funds that are raised under this grant proposal will be used solely for the purposes of preparing and implementing the Minnesota Valley Natural Heritage Program. The length of the program is 2 years, starting with the hiring of principle staff. We request the grant be paid out over that time frame. We understand however, that should any payment of funds occur, it will be at the convenience of the Foundation, including modification of previously agreed upon payment schedules should such modification be deemed necessary by the Foundation. Further, we understand that the Foundation, in researching this grant application may review any and all of the information submitted as part of this request with advisers of the Foundation's choosing.

Finally, we have reviewed the Minnesota Charitable Solicitation Act (MS 309) and intend to comply with its requirements.

We wish to thank you for considering our request and look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

Shirley Asklund
President
Friends of the Minnesota Valley



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DNR INFORMATION
(612) 296-6157

April 5, 1988

Ms. Kay Schwie
Friends of the Minnesota Valley
Box 20244
Bloomington, MN 55420

Dear Kay:

Please forgive the lateness of this confirmation. This letter will review our recent conversations regarding your proposal to develop a registry program for lands adjacent to the Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge. I am pleased to confirm the commitment of the Minnesota Nongame Wildlife Program to provide \$1000 in support of this work. During January and February, the 41 proposals submitted to the 1988-1989 Nongame Wildlife Research Grants Program were intensively reviewed. This process involved a pool of nearly fifty state employees, members of the academic community, and other technical experts and advisors to the Nongame Wildlife Program. Your proposal received review from two persons.

We strongly endorse your efforts and hope that this modest contribution will assist you in raising the funds necessary to conduct the full registry program. As I have mentioned to you, limited funding has forced us to provide less than the original requests of most proposals that are being supported. The \$1000 we are providing you is intended for supplies associated with developing your program. To allow us to budget by fiscal year (as we have discussed), we ask that invoices for the total amount be submitted between July 1, 1988 and June 30, 1989. These invoices should include an itemized explanation of the expenditures.

In exchange for this financial support, we will expect to receive 1-2 page progress reports on or before July 1 and January 1 of each year, and a final report at the completion of the project. The final report should include summaries of the projects efforts, as well as any appropriate recommendations, and/or conclusions. It should also include a one page abstract and five to ten color slides depicting various aspects of the project. We would also appreciate copies of any publications that result from the project. Please remember that all publications and publicity should acknowledge support from the Minnesota Nongame Wildlife Tax Checkoff through the Nongame Wildlife Program.

Please let me hear from you as soon as you have decided on a response to this letter. If you have any questions or concerns, we can discuss them. If not, you or another representative of the Friends of the Minnesota Valley can sign and return the enclosed copy, which we will consider our formal contract.

By the way, if a letter of endorsement from us would be a helpful addition to your proposal package, please let me know. I'd be happy to oblige you. Thank you for submitting the proposal. I look forward to cooperating with you on this project.

Sincerely,



Richard J. Baker
Nongame Wildlife Specialist



for Friends of the Minnesota Valley

BLANDIN FOUNDATION

100 NORTH POKEGAMA AVENUE
GRAND RAPIDS, MINNESOTA 55744
(218) 326-0523

April 25, 1988

Shirley Asklund
Friends of the Minnesota Valley
Box 20244
Bloomington, MN 55420

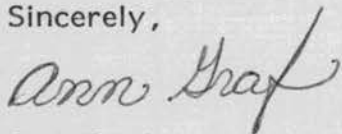
Dear Ms. Asklund:

Thank you for your letter inquiring about the possibility of Blandin Foundation assistance in support of the Heritage Registry Program.

Unfortunately, the Blandin Foundation is unable to assist you with the project. Outside the Grand Rapids/Itasca area, we are focusing our grants on rural areas of Minnesota, addressing the causes of social and economic problems that affect the viability of rural communities. Since your project is adjacent to the metropolitan areas of St. Paul and Minneapolis, it does not meet this geographic requirement.

Therefore, because of this geographical limitation, we are unable to consider your request for assistance; however, we do wish you well in your search for other funding sources.

Sincerely,



Ann Graf
Grants Manager



The Toro Company

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April 26, 1988

Ms. Shirley Asklund
Friends of the Minnesota Valley
Box 20244
Bloomington, MN 55420

Dear Ms. Asklund:

We appreciate very much your letter of October 15, 1987 and we have carefully considered your request in the contest of our giving guidelines and criteria.

Toro supports the Nature Conservancy whose objectives are similar to Minnesota Valley and our resources for this purpose are expended for this fiscal year. We will keep in mind your organization in our future giving plans.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Mary Elliott", is written over the typed name.

Mary A. Elliott, Director
Communications and Public Affairs

General Mills Foundation

Post Office Box 1113

Minneapolis, Minnesota 55440

LAUREN P. WECK
SENIOR PROGRAM OFFICER

April 29, 1988

Ms. Shirley Asklund
Friends of the Minnesota Valley
Box 20244
Bloomington, MN 55420

Dear Ms. Asklund:

Thank you for your letter to the General Mills Foundation
requesting our support of your organization.

In order to review your request, we will need the following
additional information:

- a copy of the Internal Revenue Service ruling which would
state that your organization is not a private foundation.
(The ruling enclosed with your proposal expired
12/31/87.)

Cordially,



LPW/lp

cc: 881811

LEWIS AND ANNIE F. PAPER FOUNDATION

POST OFFICE BOX 65186

SAINT PAUL, MINNESOTA 55165-0186

April 29, 1988

FRIENDS OF THE MINNESOTA VALLEY
Ms. Shirley Asklund
President
Box 20244
Bloomington, MN 55420

Dear Ms. Asklund:

Thank you for your letter and the information sent to us
regarding your program.

We wish to inform you that the Lewis & Annie F. Paper
Foundation has committed all of its available funds for
grants thru 1990. Therefore, we are unable to make a
contribution to your organization during this period.

Yours very truly,

Roxanne P. Forman

Mrs. Roxanne P. Forman
President

RPF/srk



DELUXE

CHECK PRINTERS FOUNDATION

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SAINT PAUL, MINNESOTA
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612-483-7842

April 29, 1988

Shirley Asklund
President
Friends of the Minnesota Valley
Box 20244
Bloomington, MN 55420

Dear Ms. Asklund:

Our Contributions Committee recently reviewed the funding request from Friends of the Minnesota Valley and determined that we will be unable to provide the requested funds.

Although we recognize the importance of preserving the land, the Foundation guidelines do not provide for grants in the area of conservation. Consequently, the limited funds that are available are directed toward the Nature Conservancy.

We hope that you do not perceive this as a negative response to your program, but rather a reflection of our limitations as a foundation.

Michael J. Welch
Executive Director

/tlw



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June 2, 1988

COPY

Mr. Cole Oehle✓
Alexandra Foundation
W-2200, First National Bank Building
St. Paul, MN 55101

Dear Mr. Oehle:

Recently the Friends of the Minnesota Valley sent you a request for funds to support a program we call The Minnesota Valley Heritage Registry Program. The purpose of this program is to encourage landowners in the valley (over 300 in number) to initiate practices that will assure conservation of the land and wildlife in their possession. Those landowners who elect to participate in the program will be placed on a registry and will be given support in the form of educational programs and individualized advice.

The Friends view this program as crucial in terms of long-range protection of the valley, and we consider our fund-raising effort to be an important and ambitious undertaking. We want to do it well, and we want to be successful. We would welcome the opportunity to meet with you, or to respond in any other way that might increase the likelihood of a positive response to our request for funds. I can be reached at (612) 890-6753.

Sincerely,

Dr. Shirley Asklund

Dr. Shirley Asklund
President

SA/vm

*If phoning when will it be reviewed - can they meet & us
we'd like to go over proposal
Status
time line
welcome to meet & them
any ?'s or concerns
when expect to have response
if no - still we try again later ?*

*Begin / our office space and
when Refuge Center done
- when*

FOUNDATION

Do by 6/80
Annual reports
Annual reports bring to next mtg.
STATUS AS OF 6-5-88
7/88 unlikely
Shirley will contact Sam Morgan (Bd. member)
Janet will go to Judge's office & get copy
✓ m. timeline / status

Alexandra Foundation
 Mr. Cole Oehler
 W2200 First National Bank Building
 St Paul 55101
 \$10,000 (612) 291-1215

Shirley will contact Sam Morgan (Bd. member)

Anderson (Elmer L. and Eleanore J.) Foundation
 Mr. Jeffrey Peterson
 c/o First Trust Company of St. Paul
 W555 First National Bank Building
 \$20,000 (612) 291-5100

Gift of \$3000
(\$1000/year for 3 years)

Baker Foundation
 Mr. William Baker
 4900 IDS Center
 Mpl's. 55402
 \$10,000 (612) 332-7479

Shirley will contact
7/88
- will be reviewed in next mtg on 2

Bayport Foundation
 Mr. Loren R. Croone
 Bayport 55003
 \$20,000 (612) 439-1557

Mike
7/88
reject

Bell (David Winton) Foundation
 Mr. Robert Mathson
 10000 Highway 55W, Suite 450
 \$5,000 (612) 540-7288

Elaine will call son of Bell
7/88
reject

Blandin (Charles K.) Foundation
 Mr. Paul Olson
 100 Pokegama Ave. No.
 Grand Rapids 55744
 \$20,000 (218) 326-0523

4/25/88 reject

Carlson (Curtis L.) Foundation
 Mr. Rodney M. Wilson
 12755 B State Highway 55
 Mpl's. 55441
 \$10,000 (612) 540-5380

No proposal sent because they said they were already committed

Bob has personal contact
No proposal sent - all funds committed

Carolyn Foundation
 Ms. Carol Fetzer
 2106 First Bank Place West
 Mpl's. 55402
 \$20,000 (612) 339-7101

5-3-88 Letter received saying deadline is 7-1-88 with grants made in December

Fred
- will be considered in late summer for Dec. funding

FOUNDATION

STATUS AS OF 6-5-88

Cenex Foundation
Ms. Mary Kaste
5500 Cenex Drive
Inver Grove Heights 55075
\$30,000 (612) 451- 5130

Reject 5-6-88

Reject

Chadwick Foundation
Mr. Donald Dayton
4122 IDS Center
Mpl's. 55402
\$10,000

Mike

~~Control Data~~

Cray Research Foundation
Mr. William Linder-Schoeller
608 Second Ave. So,
Mpl's. 55402
\$5,000 (612) 333-5889

*go back and
approach on "science" basis*

Reject 5-11-88

Davis (Edwin W. and Catherine M.) Foundation
Mr. Frederick Davis
2100 First National Bank Building
St. Paul 55101
\$10,000 (612) 228-0935

Reject 5-26-88

Dayton, Wallace C.
505 Peavey Building
Mpl's. 55402

pending for later decision

Deluxe Check Printers Foundation
Ms. Hope Newland
P.O. Box 64399
St. Paul 55164
\$10,000 (612) 483-7842

Reject 4/29

First Bank Systems Foundation
Sally A. Sumner
1300 First Bank Place East
Mpl's. 55480
\$20,000 (612) 370-5080

Sally on vacation till July 19th

Kay

FOUNDATION

STATUS AS OF 6-5-88

General Mills Foundation

Gift of \$1,000 6-1-88

Dr. James Shannon

P.O. Box 1113

Mpl's. 55440

\$2,500

(612) 540-3164

Greystone Foundation

Mr. John M. Hollern

510 Baker Building

Mpl's. 55402

\$10,000

(612) 332-2454

Mike

reject

Griggs (Mary L. and Mary G. Burke) Foundation

Mr. Marvin Pertzik

1400 Northwest Center

St. Paul 55101

\$20,000

(612) 291-1822

Janet - will ask reason

reject

Kelley (James and Margaret Hamm) Foundation

Gift of \$5,000

408 St. Peter St

St. Paul 55102

\$25,000

Lutheran Brotherhood Foundation

Acknowledged receipt of proposal

Ms. Turi Tietz / *Paul Gustafson*

5-11-88. Will review/respond A.S.A.P.

625 Fourth Ave. So.

Mpl's. 55415

(612) 340-5821

Bdg

\$10,000

Resubmit next year (committed to other projects this year)

Mardag Foundation

Mr. Paul Verret

1120 Norwest Center

St. Paul 55101

\$20,000

(612) 224-5463

Janet

reject.

Mc Knight Foundation

Mr. Russell Ewald

410 Peavy Building

730 Second Ave. So.

Mpl's. 55402

\$30,000

(612) 372-6717

call & ask for add'l proposals - Mike

rejection -

will resubmit ?

(rec'd \$1,000 from 3-m instead?)

Mott (Charles Stewart) Foundation

Reject 5-18-88

Mr. Frank Gilsdorf

1200 Mott Foundation Building

Flint, MI 48502

\$5,000

Wayne Newton -

FOUNDATION

STATUS AS OF 6-5-88

Minerals Investments Rarities

Mr. James Cook
One Appletree Square
Bloomington 55425

Elaine: Jim Egbert working on this
(trying to find direct contact
(to try to get whole \$ amt))

Nash Foundation

Mr. Barry A. Kelner
Northwest Bank Building
8th and Marquette
Mpl's. 55479
\$10,000

Bdr

(612) 372-5820

Decision due in Nov.

Northern States Power Company
Linda Cranioien/ Bruce A. Palmer
414 Nicollet Mall
Mpl's. 55401
\$10,000

Kay

reject

(612) 330-6026

Nongame Wildlife Program

Mr. Richard Baker
Minnesota Department Natural Resources
Box 7, 500 Lafayette Road
St. Paul 55155-4007
\$1,000

Gift of \$1,000 (forthcoming)

Kay send T.Y.

letter cy -> Shirley

+ response needed

Northern Star Foundation

Mr. William H. Hamm / Joseph A. Maun, Sec.
St. Paul 55102
\$5,000

(612) 298-0218

Elaine

still to be considered

O'Shaughnessy (I.A.) Foundation

Mr. Paul J. Kelly
c/o First Trust St. Paul, P.O. Box 64704
St. Paul 55101
\$5,000

Drive unable to reach

(612) 291-5100

Dave

Paper (Lewis and Annie F.) Foundation, Inc.

Mr. Lewis Paper
P.O. Box 65186

reject.

Richfield Bank and Trust Co.
Senator William Kirchner
6625 Lyndale Ave. So.
Richfield 55423
\$5000

Shirley

\$1,000 check rec'd for
operating expenses previously -
Elaine will call Joyce to
see if she was able to personally
contact (Kirchner about bank
receiving mfr)

FOUNDATION

STATUS AS OF 6-5-88

Richardson Foundation
Ms. Priscilla Richardson
3433 North Citrus Circle
Zellwood, FL 32798
\$3,000

Janet

Rivers (Margaret)
Mr. William Klapp, Pres./Helen Moelter, Sec.
c/o First National Bank
Stillwater 55082
\$5,000

Janet

(612) 439-4411

St. Paul Foundation
Mr. Paul A. Verret
1120 Norwest Center
St. Paul 55101
\$20,000

Reject 5-23-88

(612) 224-5463

Tennant Company Foundation
Ms. Donna Anderson
701 No. Lilac Drive, P.O. Box 145
Mpl's. 55440
\$10,000

Judy

(612) 540-1207

Toro - reject 4/26

Weyerhaeuser (Charles A.) Memorial Foundation
Mr. Walter Rosenberry
2100 First National Bank Building
St. Paul 55101
\$20,000

Reject 5-9-88

U.S.F.W.S. Fdn.

(612) 228-0935

*25,000 (inc 1700)
in-kind office 3,500*

1700 grant

*Don't want to will
WNC & Ed in this*

*(to be used to
provide us a
space, etc.)*

Weyerhaeuser (Frederick and Margaret L.) Foundation
Mr. Frederick T. Weyerhaeuser
2100 First National Bank Building
St. Paul 55101
\$20,000

Reject 5-10-88

*develop
formal relationship
2 friends
\$ + in-kind*

Dietrich Fdn, Le Seur - specified funding for MN River Valley

(mike)

*instead of Dietrich
EB Cosgrove Fdn (form Grant)*

*- suggested
contract*

*(Fdn looking for projects)
Horace Charles will contact*

Carine Christensen - ideas on how to approach river valley, apps, etc

Ray

July 4, 1988

Richard J. Baker
Nongame Wildlife Specialist
Minnesota Department of
Natural Resources
500 Lafayette Road
St. Paul, MN 55155

Dear Rich:

My sincere apologies for such a tardy response to your letter of April 5th. I am at our "Wisc. woods" with no Friends letterhead and an old manual typewriter. After a lovely early morning walk enjoying the flowers and wildlife, and some wild raspberries for breakfast, I'm attempting to get caught up on numerous items.

Our Friends Board was truly grateful to receive DNR support of our project. We have incorporated an earlier letter from you into our proposal, and feel that your endorsement will be most helpful.

Our progress has been somewhat slower than initially anticipated, but we have been encouraged by some of the responses we've received. Initially, we sent just a few proposals out and waited for responses before sending others, but recently sent out a larger number at one time (a total of 38 sent thus far). We are currently preparing another mailing. Since most of our mailings have been recent, we have not had enough time elapse for many to respond. Of the rejections we have received, they have either been due to commitments being refocused into areas of human service, or their having directed funding for our type of project to the Nature Conservancy already. If this type of response continues, we intend to discuss the project again with The Nature Conservancy, and request their in-kind (staff or other) assistance.

In addition to several corporate memberships received, we have received the following grants from foundations:

Elmer L. & Eleanore J. Andersen Foundation	\$3,000
General Mills Foundation	1,000
Kelley (James & Margaret Hamm) Foundation	5,000
Nongame Wildlife Program, MN DNR	1,000
U.S. F.W.S. Foundation	1,700

This is the tally as of June 5, 1988, and other responses may have arrived. I tried reaching our Treasurer before leaving Mpls., but was unsuccessful.

I am enclosing a signed copy of your letter of April 5, as requested. Again, our very sincere thanks for your kind and generous support! I will send you another update as we begin to receive responses to our most recent mailings.

Best regards,



Kay L. Schwie
Board of Directors
Friends of the Minnesota Valley
P.O. Box 20244
Bloomington, MN 55420



Midwest Interpretive Association

RR 1, BOX 114
MISSOURI VALLEY, IOWA 51555
(712) 642-2772

December 7, 1988

Mr. Edward Crozier
Wildlife Associate Manager
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Federal Building, Fort Snelling
Twin Cities, Minnesota 55111

Dear Ed:

As previously discussed, the Midwest Interpretive Association is a cooperating association based at DeSoto with, four satellite facilities on other Region 3 refuges. Currently, the Association is grossing about \$62,000 annually. A full-time business manager, computerized inventories and established sources of supply compliment this non-profit business. However, entrance fees, temporary facility closures and minor glitches have plagued the Association recently and, thus, desired economic expansion has been curtailed.

The Association is currently withholding action on a request by Muscatatuck National Wildlife Refuge for a small part-time outlet there. While the Association desires to provide these services, it really needs another revenue maker to support such smaller outlets. Minnesota Valley would obviously generate substantial sales and help provide such financial relief.

We would like to encourage your consideration of joining the Association, at the very least, as an interim measure. Like so many other things (the volunteer program as an example), start-up takes considerable effort. We have an experienced full-time business manager, Bruce Barkley, who has dealt with five Association facilities for over four years. He has an excellent knowledge of business practices and extensive experience in pricing, inventory control, budgeting, etc. Most importantly, his experience with cultural and natural history sources of supply, printing, displaying and marketing should prove invaluable in setting up a facility such as Minnesota Valley's outlet.

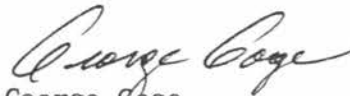
There are certainly going to be inventory items which will be specific to Minnesota Valley. However, the Association is already incorporated in Minnesota and provides specific items at Tamarac Refuge. Inventory approval would be at the discretion of Minnesota Valley's Refuge Manager.

In weighing advantages/disadvantages of joining with MIA, the primary disadvantage that I see is net return in funded services. You could definitely net more goods and services for the refuge if you were

operating a outlet facility with non-salaried volunteers, but you would have to provide considerably more administrative and supervisory controls. You would need at least one full-time, dedicated volunteer just to order books, pay bills promptly, and file the appropriate federal and state legal documents. Also, one would need a Board of Directors that is willing to let the business operate the way you want it too. The MIA has such a Board and we could reduce your inputs substantially. It all depends on how much autonomy you demand.

We are willing to work with you. Let us know if we can be of service.

Sincerely,



George Cage
Executive Secretary

Enclosures

CC: Tom Worthington, Region 3 Outdoor Recreation Planner
Terry Schreiner, Acting Refuge Manager, Minnesota Valley NWR
Donna Stanley, Outdoor Recreation Planner, Muscatatuck NWR



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TWIN CITIES, MINNESOTA 55111



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Minnesota Valley

January 17, 1989

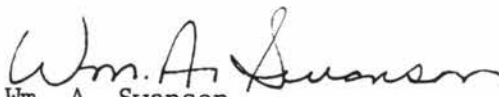
Ms. Elaine Mellott
Friends of The Minnesota Valley
9400 Cedar Avenue
Apartment 101
Bloomington, Minnesota 55420

Dear Ms. Mellott:

In keeping with your phone conversation with Ross Grimwood of my realty staff, enclosed is a listing of the tracts yet to be acquired for the Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge. I hope this information is of use to you. A similar list has been provided to Congressman Sabo.

Thank you for your efforts to preserve this important natural resource.

Sincerely,


Wm. A. Swanson
Senior Realty Officer
Division of Realty

Enclosure

MINNESOTA VALLEY

TRACT LIST

1-12-89

TRACT NUMBER	OWNER	ACRES
BLOOMINGTON FERRY UNIT		
100	DOUGLAS SKANSE	5.13
101	Hulting, Thomas J.	6.70
102	CHARLES SCHULER	2.47
106	OPUS CORPORATION	172.00
107	DARREL NORLING	2.09
109	C.L. OBERG	2.82
111	JOHN ANDERSON, JR.	0.86
115	John C. Trijonis	3.60
116	JACK DALY	15.05
118	MICHAEL J. MEHNER	1.44
119	RICHARD L. PATTERSON	12.19
120 ,a	LARRY FRANSEN	18.63

UPGRALA UNIT

141	METRO AIRPORT COMMISSION	4.58
143	WASTE MANAGEMENT OF MINNESOTA	20.00
144 ,a	WOOD LAKE SANITARY SERVICE	27.00
150 ,a	DAVE RAGUET ET AL	371.00
151 ,a	PETERSON ET AL	SEE *
152 a,b	PETERSON ET AL	SEE *
153	MALLARD FARMS	76.50
163	Darrell PETERSON	426.45
166	WILLIAM BOE	3.27
167 ,a	CHEVALIER ET AL	SEE *
170	Noterman, Bert	1.40

* ACRES INCLUDED IN TRACT 163

TRACT NUMBER	OWNER	ACRES
WILKIE UNIT		
2 ,d	STATE OF MINNESOTA	28.50
125	HONE FANNIE G	65.43
130	CONTINENTAL NAVIGATION	32.90

BLACK DOG LAKE UNIT		
2 ,f	STATE OF MINNESOTA	41.70
2 ,e	STATE OF MINNESOTA	29.28
69	THE NATURE CONSERVANCY	65.00

LONG MEADOW LAKE UNIT		
2 ,a-c	STATE OF MINNESOTA	56.00
5 ,a-c	CITY BLOOMINGTON	400.00
11	NORTHWEST ORIENT	55.90
17	JAMES E. KELLEY	816.00
19	CONTROL DATA	29.20
22	WAYNE PAHL	33.60
26	DEWEY WESTLY	0.32
27	WIN BROWN	0.91
43	DAVID LONG	1.04
49	WARREN CARPENTER	55.30
55	RAYMOND OSTRUM	0.23
65	RAYMOND HAEG	0.50

TRACT NUMBER	OWNER	ACRES
CHASKA LAKE UNIT		
7	CITY OF CARVER	24.00
201	LANO DEVEL. CO.	198.00
UNIT TOTAL		222.00

LOUISVILLE SWAMP UNIT		
2 ,g	STATE OF MINNESOTA	15.40
208	SHEELY GRAVEL CO., INC.	56.00

209	RUTH FRISK	4.28
217	BARND, ROBERT E.	134.17
219	Heil, mary	11.50
220	Scott County (detox center)	42.31
221	KOVICH, MIKE	3.50

	UNIT TOTAL	267.16



Box 20244
Bloomington, MN
55420

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February 15, 1989

The Honorable Rudy Boschwitz
SH 506 Hart Senate Office Bldg.
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Boschwitz:

As you are aware the "Friends" are very pleased that the Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge Interpretive Center Construction is underway. It is a happy and busy time for us and the refuge staff as this work moves ahead.

With this project underway we are anticipating the following steps necessary for Refuge completion:

1. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has determined that the first year's operating budget for the new Minnesota Valley Interpretive Center will be about \$363K (see attachment). The \$363K is in addition to the current Refuge lands operating budget. We were disappointed to learn that the Secretary of the Interior, and/or the Office of Management and Budget did not include this item in the 1989 or 1990 Interior budget. It seems extremely important that it now be added to the 1990 and subsequent budgets since these funds are needed to open the center, which will be completed in early 1990. This course of action has precedent, as it helped assure a sound beginning for the DeSoto National Wildlife Refuge in Iowa several years ago.
2. The purchase of two large, key parcels known as the James E. Kelley and Upgrala properties are also of major concern. Several small parcels are also left to be acquired (see attachments).

These remaining owners have not actively pursued selling their properties to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. But these properties are key to proper operations of the Refuge so we need to move ahead to acquire them. The estimated purchase cost for the 1,927 acres of land needed to complete the Refuge is about \$7.7M. It would be appreciated if these monies could be appropriated in 1990 so negotiations for one or both of the large parcels could proceed in such a

*Dave FVI
also send to
Sabro, Duranberger
& Frenzel
E.M.
Please give me a
call to confirm
your list of
persons to see.
Thanks
Elaine
884-1663*

The Honorable Rudy Boschwitz
February 15, 1989
Page 2

way that some flexibility in the amount was assured. This is important since it may be necessary for a "friendly" condemnation to occur on one or both properties, since this appears to be the process through which at least one of the owners prefers to negotiate on sales of lands to government agencies.

We are very grateful to you for your commitment and ingenuity in exploring ways to create the Refuge and make it a living example of wildlife habitat protection and environmental education experiences.

If I can be of further help, please call me at 612-853-6086.

Sincerely,

Elaine M. Mellott

Elaine M. Mellott
President

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Attachments (2)

ESTIMATE OF ANNUAL OPERATION COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE
NEW WILDLIFE INTERPRETIVE CENTER

The following is an estimate of what it will cost to annually operate the new Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge Interpretation and Education Center. This estimate was developed using information from the other refuge visitor centers, utility cost estimates from the building architect, approved refuge staffing plans and existing refuge building operational costs. These costs are believed to be comparable to other refuges with similar facilities.

<u>Personnel</u>	<u>162,000</u>
Center Operations	
Maintenance Person - 1 1/2 FTE*	33,000
Reception/Information - 2 FTE	24,000
Interpretive Naturalist - 2 FTE	30,000
Coordinator of Volunteers/Programs - 1 FTE	20,000
Other Staff Needs as a Result of the Center	
Law Enforcement - 1 FTE	17,000
Assistant Refuge Manager - 1 FTE	17,000
Clerk-Typist - 1 FTE	12,000
Maintenance Person - 1/2 FTE	9,000
<u>Utilities</u>	<u>97,000</u>
Telephone	15,000
Electrical	71,000
Natural Gas	9,000
Water	2,000
<u>Building/Grounds Preventative Maintenance</u>	<u>40,000</u>
Repair and replacement of carpet, windows, HVAC System, parking lots, etc.	
<u>Supplies</u>	<u>4,500</u>
Light bulbs, paper towels, toilet paper, EE materials, etc.	
<u>Special Service Contracts</u>	<u>25,000</u>
Carpet cleaning, window washing, snow removal, trash pickup, etc.	
<u>Interpretive Exhibit Preventive Maintenance</u>	<u>25,000</u>
Repair and replace exhibits and audio visual programs.	
<u>Security</u>	<u>10,000</u>
Alarm maintenance and Federal Protective Service night patrol.	

TOTAL \$363,000

FTE* Full time equivalent position or a person year.



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FWS/ARW-RE

JAN 5 1989

Ms. Elaine Mellott
Friends of The Minnesota Valley
9400 Cedar Avenue
Apartment 101
Bloomington, Minnesota 55420

Dear Ms. Mellott:

Terry Shriner, Acting Refuge Manager of the Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge said you wanted information about the status of land acquisition on the Refuge. Enclosed is a fact sheet that shows we need approximately \$7.7 million dollars to complete acquisition. As purchase of the remaining tracts by voluntary sale is questionable, the figures represent estimates only.

Please contact Ross Grimwood of my Realty Staff at 725-3564, should you desire additional information.

Sincerely,

Marvin E. Moriarty
Acting Regional Director

Enclosure

cc: Minnesota Valley NWR

February 15, 1989

*A sample letter
for Ed Garvy
Sen. Durenburger's
aid. E. M.*

Mr. Frank Dunkle, Director
U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service
Main Interior Building
18th & C N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20240

Dear Mr. Dumble:

As you may recall, the Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge is in my area of concern. A new Interpretive and Education Center is scheduled to open on the Refuge early in 1990. It is my understanding that the Washington office of the service did not include operating monies for the new center in their 1989 or 1990 budgets. This is disappointing news.

It is expected that the new center will have a very high profile and strongly project the service's image. It will be used for many public functions including service meetings, workshops and training sessions in addition to the public wildlife interpretive exhibits and activities. So the center should be maintained in first class condition.

We should also remember that the U.S. Congress, through the Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge Act, required this educational facility be built as a separate entity. Therefore I feel it should be considered a new service education facility with its own identity budget station number, etc. and not merely another refuge office visitor center.

I request that the service add funds (\$363K) to their 1990 budget and subsequent year budgets for the center's operation.

Mr. Frank Dunkle
February 15, 1989
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There appears to be precedent for such budget identity as we understand it exists for the Iowa DeSoto National Wildlife Refuge Visitor's Center. Please check into this matter and advise me about the possibility of obtaining the needed new operating funds of \$363K for 1990 and subsequent years. Your effort will be appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

Dave Durenburger

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Discounts
with
Mike

United States Senate

DAVE DURENBERGER

February 27, 1989

The Honorable Manuel Lujan, Jr.
Secretary of the Interior
Main Interior Building
18th & C Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20240

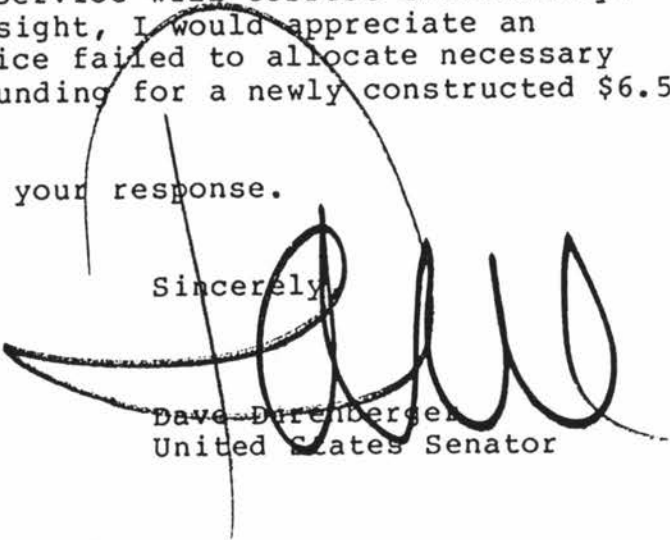
Dear Mr. Secretary,

A new interpretative and education center is scheduled to open in Spring of 1990 at the Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge. I have visited the construction site and reviewed the plans and am very impressed. It is not just another visitor center. Besides being architecturally beautiful, the center will provide many important educational functions that will enhance the refuge's reputation as the nation's premier urban fish and wildlife area.

However, I am concerned by the failure of the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service to provide \$363,000 in its FY90 budget request to Congress. This funding is essential to operate and maintain the Refuge and the Center once it is completed. It is not discretionary, without \$363,000 the Center, though complete, cannot open. I hope the failure to provide the needed funds is an oversight, one that the Service will correct immediately. If the omission is not an oversight, I would appreciate an explanation of why the Service failed to allocate necessary operation and maintenance funding for a newly constructed \$6.5 million building.

I am looking forward to your response.

Sincerely,



Dave Durenberger
United States Senator

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United States Department of the Interior

FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

MINNESOTA VALLEY NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE
4101 East 80th Street
Bloomington, Minnesota 55425

IN REPLY REFER TO:

March 13, 1989

Ms. Elaine Mellott, President
Friends of the Minnesota Valley
Post Office Box 20244
Bloomington, Minnesota 55420

Dear Elaine:

In 1985 Pentair, Inc. generously donated \$1,000 to the Friends of the Minnesota Valley. This money was set aside as a refuge Volunteer Fund and lasted nearly five years.

I am now in search of money to replenish the Volunteer Fund. This money will be used to purchase recognition items for volunteers, pay for guest speakers and refreshments at volunteer events, and pay for training for volunteers.

Since there is no longer any money in the Volunteer Fund and until we are able to secure a donation from a foundation or local company, I am seeking help from the "Friends." Would the "Friends" consider setting aside \$200 as a temporary Volunteer Fund? Then, once we receive a donation from a foundation or local company, this \$200 will be repaid to the "Friends."

Our volunteers are an important part of this refuge. Thank you for your consideration!

Sincerely,

Kate

Kate Winsor
Assistant Refuge Manager

*\$200
approved by board
+ resolution
3/15/89*

*Copies to
Dove
+ Fred
For your
file EH*

**TAKE
PRIDE IN
AMERICA**

Dave - to file Ems

March 24, 1989

Friends of the



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Bloomington, MN
55420

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Senator Clarence Purfeerst, Chair
Minnesota Future Resource Commission
100 Constitution Avenue, Room 65
State Office Building
St. Paul, MN 55155

Dear Senator Purfeerst and Commission Members:

SUBJECT: Minnesota Environment and Natural Resource
Priority Issues

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on priority issues. We are very concerned about protecting and conserving Minnesota's natural resources. First, we are deeply concerned about the issue of global warming and its potential impact on Minnesota. We must assess the possible impacts on Minnesota and work to lessen impacts on our food supply, air, forests and waters. Clear leadership is needed if we are to avoid profound changes, so we must think globally and act statewide. The attached article outlines possible worldwide actions. Even though the attached article seems dramatic, it is worthy of your careful consideration since Minnesota's population is projected to double in the next 100 years and our scientists have been telling us about the global warming problem for almost 20 years.

We hear that Senator Rudy Boschwitz recently was briefed by university researchers, state agencies, and other concerned groups on this issue. It would seem appropriate for your commission to avail itself of the same information by contacting Senator Boschwitz's office. The following are our additional priority concerns:

- o surface water quality protection and improvement in our rivers, streams, lakes, and marshes.
- o groundwater protection and improvement.
- o wildlife habitat conservation, including wetland protection, elimination of wetland drainage, and wetland restoration.
- o threatened and endangered species protection.

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Senator Clarence Purfeerst, Chair

March 24, 1989

- o improvement of air quality--especially metro area traffic systems management (air and ground transport emission) and the management of other emissions contributing to acid deposition.
- o land management--maintaining and improving natural ecosystem and agricultural production capacity by protecting native species seed banks, preventing erosion and soil depleting agricultural practices, and eliminating urban encroachment on productive soils.
- o toxic waste management.

We are appreciative of the Commission's efforts and commitment to the stewardship of Minnesota's natural resources. If I can be of further help in any way, please feel free to call me at 853-6086.

Sincerely,

Elaine M. Mellott
President

Attachment

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An Ecological Kristallnacht. Listen.

By Albert Gore Jr.

HUMANITY has suddenly entered into a brand new relationship with our planet. Unless we quickly and profoundly change the course of our civilization, we face an immediate and grave danger of destroying the worldwide ecological system that sustains life as we know it.

It is time to confront this danger. In 1939, as clouds of war gathered over Europe, many refused to recognize what was about to happen. No one could imagine a Holocaust, even after shattered glass had filled the streets on Kristallnacht. World leaders waffled and waited, hoping that Hitler was not what he seemed, that world war could be avoided. Later, when aerial photographs revealed death camps, many pretended not to see. Even now, many fail to acknowledge that our victory was not only over Nazism but also over dark forces deep within us.

In 1989, clouds of a different sort signal an environmental holocaust without precedent. Once again, world leaders waffle, hoping the danger will dissipate. Yet today the evidence is as clear as the sounds of glass shattering in Berlin.

Listen: The earth's forests are being destroyed at the rate of one football field's worth every second, one Ten-

Albert Gore Jr., a Democrat, is Senator from Tennessee.

nessee's worth every year.

- An enormous hole is opening in the ozone layer, reducing the earth's ability to protect life from deadly ultraviolet radiation.

- Living species die at such an unprecedented rate that more than half may disappear within our lifetimes.

- Chemical wastes, in growing volumes, seep downward to poison ground water and upward to destroy the atmosphere's delicate balance.

- Huge quantities of carbon dioxide, methane and chlorofluorocarbons dumped in the atmosphere have trapped heat and raised global temperatures.

- Every day, 37,000 children under the age of 5 die of starvation or preventable diseases made worse by failures of crops and politics.

Why are these dramatic changes taking place? Because the human population is surging; (it took a million years to reach two billion people. In the last 40 years, world population has doubled. And in the next 40 years, the number of people could double again); because the industrial, scientific and technological revolutions magnify the environmental impact of these increases, and because we tolerate self-destructive behavior and environmental vandalism on a global scale.

Why, once again, do we fail to rally our forces? Much of the world closed its eyes as Hitler marched because the only adequate response was a horrible war many hoped to avoid. Do we now shrink from the unimaginably difficult response demanded by the global environmental crisis, and hope against hope that it will yet prove unnecessary?

This crisis is so different from anything before that it is hard to believe it is real. We seize scientific uncertainties, however small, as excuses for inaction. Some, like Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain in Munich, would rather adapt to the threat than confront it. This time, they are protected not by an umbrella but by floppy hats and sunglasses.

Our complacency stems in part from a standard of living dependent on rapid consumption of the earth's resources. Our generation has inherited the idea that we have the right to appropriate for ourselves the earth's accumulated treasures as quickly as we can consume them. We reach back through millions of years for the deposits that fuel our industrial civilization.

Just as a drug addict needs increasing doses to produce the same effect, our global appetite for the earth's abundance grows each year. We transform the resources of the past into the pollution of the future, telescoping time for self-indulgence in the present.

In 1987, carbon dioxide levels in the atmosphere began to surge with record annual increases. Global temperatures are also climbing: 1987 was the second hottest year on record; 1988 was the hottest. Scientists now predict our current course will raise world temperatures five degrees Celsius in our lifetimes. The last time there was such a shift, it was five degrees colder; New York City was under one kilometer of ice. If five degrees colder over thousands of years produces an ice age, what could five degrees warmer produce in a lifetime?

In a classic experiment, a frog dropped in boiling water jumps out. The same frog, put in the water before it is slowly boiled, remains in the pot. Our environment is at the boiling point. Will we react?

The 1990's are the decade of decision. Profound changes are required. We must create a new global compact for sustainable development — for example, trading debts for shared environmental stewardship. Our agenda must include the following:

- A worldwide ban in five years on chlorofluorocarbons, which simultaneously destroy the protective ozone layer and cause up to 20 percent of global warming.

- Rapid reductions in carbon dioxide emissions, through increased vehicle mileage standards, increased energy efficiency and development of alternative energy sources.

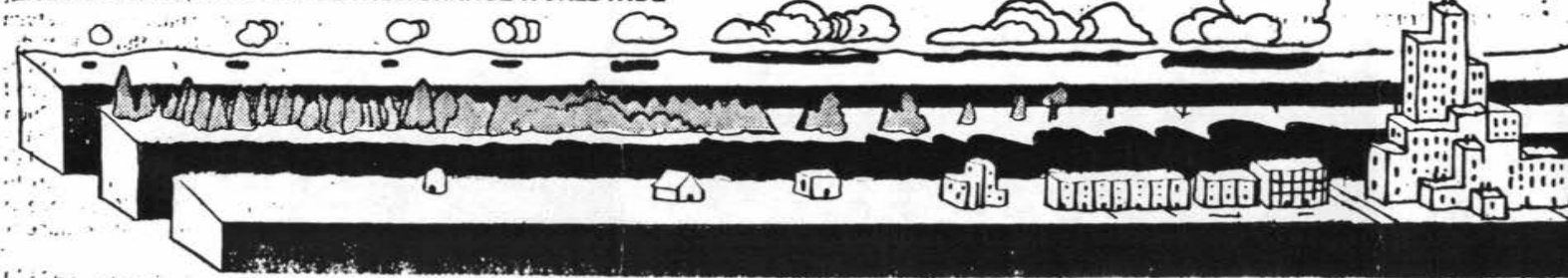
- A global halt to destruction of forests and swift implementation of worldwide reforestation programs.

- A ban within five years on packaging that is neither recyclable nor naturally degradable, a comprehensive waste minimization program and aggressive efforts to control emissions of methane from landfills and other sources.

- A series of global summit meetings to seek the unprecedented international cooperation the environmental crisis will demand.

In the 1940's, as victory neared over the dark forces unleashed on Kristallnacht, Gen. Omar Bradley offered advice that is once again relevant to the challenge that confronts humanity: "It is time we steered by the stars, not by the lights of each passing ship." □

ENVIRONMENTAL AND POPULATION CHANGE WORLDWIDE



10 billion

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2 billion

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Minnesota Future Resources Commission

per John Schmalzer

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WHAT ARE MINNESOTA'S ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES PRIORITY ISSUES ?

In November of 1988, the voters of Minnesota passed a constitutional amendment creating an environment and natural resources trust fund. The passage of the amendment also created the Minnesota Future Resources Commission to administer the new trust fund and other related funds.

The goal of the Commission is to carry out a process that leads to funding the best and most effective projects. The first step is for us and our citizen advisory committee to fully understand the issues and to develop a strategic plan for our natural resources.

TO DO THIS, YOUR HELP IS NEEDED

We are requesting your opinions concerning the issues and needs of Minnesota's environment and natural resources.

Our review of your responses will begin the development of a strategic plan. Your response should be a statement of what environment and natural resource issues you feel deserve priority attention. It should not be a funding request. Please send us your comments by March 31, 1989. Do not worry about the format or length of your response.

Thank you for the time and effort involved in responding to this request. Your assistance will be valuable to the Future Resources Commission as we develop a strategic resource plan to guide investment in natural resource programs for Minnesota.

As legislators and citizen advisory committee members, we value your ideas.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Clarence M. Purfeerst".

Senator Clarence Purfeerst, Chair
Minnesota Future Resources Commission

issues

MARTIN OLAV SABO
5th District, Minnesota

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The Honorable Sidney Yates
Chairman
Appropriations Subcommittee
on Interior
B308 Rayburn HOB
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

I would like to testify before your Subcommittee on the afternoon of April 25 on behalf of funding for the Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge (MVNWR).

Specifically, I would like to address the problem of no operations and maintenance funds for the MVNWR visitor center for Fiscal Year 1990 and the continuing need for land acquisition funds at the refuge. Any opportunity you can afford me to appear before the Committee will be greatly appreciated.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

Martin Olav Sabo
Member of Congress

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Dear Mr. Chairman:

I am writing on behalf of funding for the Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge (MVNWR). Specifically, for Fiscal Year 1990 no additional funds have been proposed to operate and maintain the new visitor center and a continuing need exists for land acquisition funds. I urge you to include \$363,000 for operations and maintenance funding for the visitor center and \$3 million for land acquisition needs.

The MVNWR is an invaluable asset to the Twin Cities, offering unique recreational and educational opportunities in the heart of a major metropolitan area. Great progress has been made in the last decade and I am grateful for your continuing support of this refuge. One outstanding improvement is the new visitor center which is scheduled to open in the Spring of 1990. With the addition of this new center, the refuge will be able to provide many more activities and services to its visitors. Unfortunately, no operating funds have been provided for the visitor center in Fiscal Year 1990. Without funding, the center will be hard pressed to open and certainly will not be able to provide the types of services for which it is designed. The estimated operating costs for this center are \$363,000 for Fiscal Year 1990.

There also is a substantial amount of land that remains to be purchased. In particular, two important parcels of land estimated to be worth about \$3 million each still need to be acquired. Because of the MVNWR's long and narrow boundaries, the purchase of these properties is imperative to proper operations and the long-term success of the refuge. With funding to purchase at least one of these key parcels, flexible negotiations can proceed.

Again, I appreciate your past support of the refuge and thank you for your consideration of my request.

Sincerely,

Martin Olav Sabo
Member of Congress

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CLEAN WATER ACTION

RIGHT TO KNOW
Search For Committee Members
To Be Included On
Regional Emergency Planning Committees

Dear Community Organizer;

This is the information packet mentioned in our phone conversation. I called about community involvement in applying for seats on the soon to be formed Regional Emergency Planning Committees mandated by the recent amendments to the Federal Superfund, known as the Right To Know. You may recall from our conversation that for the first time you have the right to know what toxic chemicals are being used in your neighborhood. Facilities handling hazardous materials must also make known when routine as well as accidental emissions occur, planned emergency procedures, and what the dangers are to you. If the people of Bhopal had access to this information, that disaster might have been avoided.

This information will be gathered, reviewed, approved and made available in Minnesota by Local Emergency Planning Committees. Seven committees are now being formed to serve six regions, head-quartered in Rochester, Grand Rapids, Bemidji, St. Cloud, Mankato and Minneapolis and St. Paul. With community representation, for the first time potential victims have the right to be involved in the prevention of industrial accidents with toxics. Neighborhoods will know the dangers and have a means of reducing them.

Because of a loophole not all the information available to these committees may be accessible to the public. Without environmentalist representation from the community, these committees will be industry policing industry, their concern for profit must be balanced with ours for our health.

The deadline for application is April 15, 1988. Who will protect your community? Can you help find them?

Clean Water Action will assist as we can. I'll be phoning you soon.

Sincerely,


Jeffrey S. Nordin

CLEAN WATER ACTION PROJECT

Midwest Regional Office ■ 295 University Avenue ■ Saint Paul, MN 55114 ■ 612 645-0961

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National Office ■ 317 Pennsylvania Avenue, SE ■ Washington, DC 20003 ■ 202 547-1196

APPLICATION FOR SERVICE ON "LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE"

See reverse for information about application.

Name of applicant: _____

Address of applicant: _____
 (Street) (City) (State) (Zip)

County: _____

Telephone: Home () Work ()

Group Representing: ☐ Elected Officials ☐ Emergency Responders ☐ Community
☐ Business and Industry ☐ Broadcast and Print Media

Sponsoring Organization (if any) _____

The applicant should include any information the person feels would be helpful to the appointing authority.
(May include employment, community service, education, recommendations.)

(may attach additional pages)

Signature of applicant

Date _____

If applicant is being nominated by another person or group, the above signature indicates consent to nomination.

Your application will not be acknowledged, but you will be notified if the appointing authority wishes to interview you. In any event, your application will be kept for one year or until you are appointed, whichever comes first.

RETURN TO: Lee Tischler, Director
Minnesota Emergency Response Commission
Division of Emergency Management
Room B-5, State Capitol Building
St. Paul, MN 55155
Telephone: (612) 296-0481

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Information and Instructions

On October 17, 1986, the federal "Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act" (Title III of the "Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act") was enacted into law.

Title III requires the development throughout the country of emergency plans for hazardous materials which identify the sources of hazards in a community, the susceptibility of the community to damages, and the probability of damages. An emergency plan must also assess the preparedness and response capabilities of the community. Title III requires completion of plans by October 17, 1988 and annual revisions thereafter.

As required by Title III, the Minnesota Emergency Response Commission is establishing local emergency planning committees within the state of Minnesota. Seven committees will be formed to review emergency plans prepared by counties and municipalities within each of their districts. The districts are designated as the following:

District 1: Faribault, Freeborn, Mower, Fillmore, Houston, Winona, Olmsted, Dodge, Steele, Waseca, Blue Earth, Nicollet, Le Sueur, Rice, Goodhue, Wabasha Counties (office: Rochester)

District 2: Cook, Lake, St. Louis, Koochiching, Itasca, Cass, Crow Wing, Aitkin, Carlton, Pine, Kanabec Counties (office: Grand Rapids)

District 3: Kittson, Roseau, Marshall, Lake of the Woods, Beltrami, Polk, Pennington, Red Lake, Clearwater, Norman, Mahnommen, Clay, Becker, Hubbard Counties (office: Bemidji)

District 4: Wilkin, Otter Tail, Wadena, Grant, Traverse, Douglas, Todd, Morrison, Big Stone, Stevens, Pope, Stearns, Benton, Mille Lacs, Sherburne, Wright, Meeker, Swift, Kandiyohi Counties (office: St. Cloud)

District 5: Lac Qui Parle, Yellow Medicine, Chippewa, Renville, McLeod, Sibley, Redwood, Lyon, Lincoln, Pipestone, Murray, Cottonwood, Watonwan, Martin, Jackson, Nobles, Rock Counties (office: Mankato)

District 6: (Metro East) Isanti, Chisago, Washington, Ramsey, Dakota Counties

District 7: (Metro West) Anoka, Carver, Hennepin, Scott Counties

Committees must assure that emergency plans meet the requirements of Title III and that emergency plans for hazardous materials are coordinated in the district. Committees must also process requests from the public for Title III information.

An applicant should provide the information requested on the form and may attach a resume if desired. In addition, an applicant should indicate the group(s) that the applicant would represent on the local emergency planning committee.

At the present time, there are no funds available to reimburse members of the local emergency planning committees for expenses.

Applications for initial appointments to local emergency planning committees will be closed on April 15, 1988. Applications received after that date will be kept to fill future vacancies on the committees.

Dave - FYI
note new
date - please
R.S.V.P.
Elaine

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April 17, 1989

Also invited:

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Lois Mack (Sen. Buschwitz)

Ms. Kate Seng
Office of Rep. Bruce Vento
905 American National Bank
5th & Minnesota Streets
St. Paul, MN 55101

Dear Kate:

Once again the time has come to invite you to attend our "almost annual" luncheon for the Congressional staff aides with whom we have contact with in the Twin City area.

This event will be held at the headquarters of the Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge, 4101 East 80th Street, Bloomington, on Friday, May 19, at 11:45 a.m. The headquarters is reached by going south on 34th Avenue South from the I494 exit and turning left (east) at 80th Street by the Holiday Inn. The refuge entrance is on this road, just past the Airport Hilton Hotel.

After the luncheon, there will be a short update on Refuge activities by Terry Schreiner, acting manager, and a tour of the nearby construction site of the new Visitor's Center by John Schomaker of the FWS staff. For this, please bring some walking shoes. You will be asked to wear a hard hat during the tour. The program will conclude between 1:15 and 1:30 p.m.

This is our way of showing our appreciation to you for the help you provide us in making contacts and giving advice as we seek Federal support for the Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge. It will also give you an opportunity to visit with your colleagues and with our board members.

We hope you will be able to join us on May 19. Please R.S.V.P. to me at 853-8086 (office) as soon as your schedule planning permits.

Sincerely,

Elaine Mellott, President

EM/vm

DATE: February 20, 1990
TO: FRIENDS BOARD MEMBERS
FROM: E. M. Mellott
SUBJ: 1990 BOARD FOCUS

In order to complete the work we did at our January 13th planning meeting, I feel we still need to prioritize the refuge needs and strategies we listed that day. Enclosed are Tom Larson's and John Schomaker's presentations for that day.

With their lists of refuge needs in mind, please take the time to prioritize (i.e., rank order 1, 2, 3, etc.) the needs and strategies (in each of the four categories) the board listed on pages 2 thru 6 of Brian's report. Please do this prior to our March 7th meeting. We can then do a board ranking of these issues and strategies, discuss how many we really want to tackle and how best to do that.

Thank you,

Elaine

E. M. Mellott

P.S. If you have any questions on how to rank these items please give me a call at 853-6086 between 4895g 9 and 5 P M weekdays.

Jennifer Hengelfelt
756 Ashland Ave.
St. Paul, MN 55104

August 29, 1990

Robert Teetshorn
Treasurer, Friends of the Minnesota Valley
102233 Berkshire Rd.
Bloomington, MN 55437

Dear Robert,

I would like to respectfully request payment for work I did for the Friends of the Minnesota Valley, August 16th to 31st, a total of 12 working days. I am also writing to report my progress and expenses for the month of August.

This month, among the things I accomplished were:

1. I continued to compile information about the ecology of the refuge and surrounding land from many more sources.
2. I collected and mapped archeological information in and around the refuge.
3. From the information to date, I have highlighted 14 priority sites. Of these sites, there are 5 fens, which most probably need more protection than registry can offer. More thought and research must go into deciding on protection measures for these sites. There are also several prairie areas that are somewhat islanded from the refuge. The importance of these sites to the registry program depends on the quality of the prairies and their contingency to other significant habitat adjoining them to the refuge.
4. I visited several fens (Seneca, Nicols, Black Dog, and Savage) and the Glacial till hill prairie near the Nine Mile Creek school.
5. I have begun research into land ownership, and am working on finding an easy way to obtain this information for the bluff areas (where most of the neighbors are) without paying too much.
6. I have written to each of the cities requesting zoning maps and comprehensive guide plan maps, and have talked with city planner re. future zoning changes.
7. I have begun researching computer data systems that I will need to record registry information.
8. I presented my project to the staff at the refuge to create interest in aiding me with parts of the registry program.
9. I have begun mapping land ownership for some of the sites.
10. I have begun writing site summaries for refuge unit sites in order to evaluate more clearly what type of protection is needed.

11. I designed and printed my business cards.

12. Tom has agreed to include registrants on the refuge mailing list; Refuge Update 2 x per year, and Calendar of events, 4 x per year.

13. More details!

Below are my expenses:

Zoning maps and comprehensive guide plans:

Chanhasen	2.50
Shakopee	4.00
Savage	2.00
Bloomington	5.30
Eden Prairie	5.00
Chaska	2.00
Eagan	8.00
Burnsville	1.00

Business Cards, printing: 31.80

Parking, Hennepin Govt' Ctr. 1.00

Travel: 64.5 miles x .26 = 16.77

TOTAL \$ 79.37

Thank you very much, Bob. See you soon!

Sincerely,



Jennifer Hengelfelt

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cc. Elaine Mellott

Jennifer Hengelfelt
756 Ashland Ave.
St. Paul, MN 55104

October 11, 1990

Robert Teetshorn
Treasurer, Friends of the Minnesota Valley
102 33 Berkshire Rd.
Bloomington, MN 55437

Dear Robert,

My apologies for this very late report! Thank you for the payment of \$ 833.33 for the last two weeks of September. As we agreed, this is payment for two full weeks of work. The next payment, for the first two weeks of October will be half that, to compensate for the five days off I took before my wedding. In addition to those five days, I took three days off to honeymoon this week, which I will compensate for by working extra hours this month.

During the month of September, among the tasks I accomplished were:

1. I presented my goals and site priorities to the board at the September board meeting. Among the goals I set were to continue developing the education program and the ecological survey through December. In Late October through early December I would like to begin registering landowners. Registry would halt during the Christmas season, and start again in January, through March, or as long as people are receptive. (With spring, people are busy with other things and less likely to want to spend time talking about registering.)

Among the concerns I expressed at the board meeting were: 1. We need to determine a way to continue the registry program beyond my time, or beyond the expected registries. 2. We need to determine a strategy for protection of the fens of the Valley. We need to determine what kind of participation the Friends and I will have in this strategy.

2. I met with Peg Kohring at the Nature Conservancy. She gave some valuable recommendations and insights. It may be possible to get the DNR Heritage program to survey the areas near Louisville Swamp as a part of the County Biological Survey. She emphasized the need to create a strong continuation scheme for the registry program. She thought 150 contacts was an unreasonable number for the first year of registry. I also talked with Carol Dorf and she agreed to accompany me on my first couple contacts.

3. I have begun creating a registry brochure outline, a general graphics scheme and have researched cost estimates. Mark Thorson is donating time and expertise in creating a text. I am looking for donations to help cover the cost.

4. I went to the historical society to research early accounts of the vegetation of the Valley.

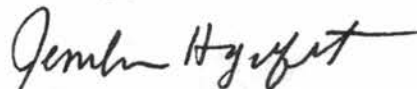
5. I created a list of sensitive bird species for the valley, with help from Bob Janssen.

6. I created a sensitive reptile and amphibian species list.
7. I met with Welby Smith (State Botanist, DNR) and Elaine Mellott to discuss fen strategies.
8. I added one more fen to the list for the Minnesota Valley! Welby discovered the fen this summer. It is in great condition, and is the headwaters to a stream that flows into the Ragguet Unit with an assumed native population of brook trout.
9. I toured the inside of the refuge with John.
10. Jay Randel (RIM program, DNR) has agreed to help us find cut-rate plaques through a company he used to work with. He estimates the price of a hardwood plaque with two brass plates and laser engraving to be about \$27.00, down from about \$45.00.
11. I married John Leininger! My name is now Jennifer Susan Leininger Hengelfelt. (My last name remains the same!) I will let you know when my address changes.

My only expenses for September are to cover milage for one trip to The Nature Conservancy; 18 1/2 miles round trip from the refuge.

Thank you Bob. Again, my apologies for this late report! See you soon.

Sincerely,



Jennifer Hengelfelt

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Oct. 29, 1990

Robert Teetshorn
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10233 Berkshire Rd.
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Dear Robert,

It seems like I just wrote! I am writing to request payment for the last two weeks of October, and to give you my end of the month report.

This month, since I wrote on October 11th, I:

1. Visited several sites on foot to determine the quality of plant communities which exist. In the process I made brief evaluations of the vegetation, and registry potential.

2. I made a first contact (Renaissance festival), somewhat by accident, and have arranged to meet with the manager of the grounds in February. I think it is a very good possibility for a registry, and would help protect several acres of native prairie.

3. Mark Thorson has been assisting me with the script in the registry brochure. We have met to discuss it a couple times. Next week, I hope to put it all together with help from Joanne McMiller (key-lining) and send it out to be printed.

4. I have been to the Historical Society to search for illustrations for the brochure.

5. I met with Sandra Simonson to discuss her perceptions of landowner concerns and attractions to the registry program.

6. I have written two sources requesting money to pay for the brochure.

7. Scott Anfinson from the Historical Society gave me better insight as to the protection of indian mounds, and how we can include them in the registry program.

8. Developed the landowner information packets (more refining is needed).

9. Researched landowner names and addresses for several key sites.

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In November, I will complete the brochure, refine the registry packets and other necessary "contact tools", clarify the program incentives and goals for landowners, and begin the registry process!

My expenses for the month, are all for mileage.

68 miles	Travel to potential registry sites
14	to a Printer's to order mail stickers
8	to the Historical Society
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90 miles x .26	= \$ 23.40

Our address will change November 15th. It will be:
2010 St. Clair
St. Paul, MN 55105

See you next Wednesday! Thank you very much!

Sincerely,

Jennifer Hengelfelt

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November 27, 1990

Robert Teetshorn
Treasurer, Friends of the Minnesota Valley
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Dear Robert,

Welcome back from Africa! I look forward to hearing about it!

Here is my end-of-the-month report and payment request for the month of October:

This month my accomplishments include:

1. I met with Joan Galli, the Urban Wildlife Specialist at the DNR. I shared my accumulated data with her and she offered some insight to some more of the resources that are available.

2. As a result of the meeting with Joan, I arranged to buy some books, Landscaping For Wildlife, by Carol Henderson, at below-cost through the DNR. These could be awarded to landowners who agree to register.

3. The Nature Company declined my request for money, however, Karen Eoff at REI felt it would be a very good possibility that we could get money from the national office of REI. I am in the process of writing for a grant from them.

4. I created a registry log form, to be filled out with detailed information following each visit with landowners.

5. I created a generic introductory letter to be mailed to landowners requesting a visit.

6. I located seven Friend's members who have bluff residences on aerial photographs. I sent introductory letters to four of them. I am arranging appointments to meet with them this week.

7. I have also sifted through the Audubon membership list for addresses on the bluffs and have located eight more high quality residences through this.

8. I went to Hennepin County Government Center to search for the locations of Audubon addresses and others using their property description information.

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9. The final text for the brochure was sent to JoAnne McMiller for key-lining.

10. I researched urban lawn chemical use and it's impact on the river. There are several things a landowner can do to minimize pollution to the valley.

11. I am creating a Resource list for landowners interested in active management for wildlife on their property.

12. I visited two sites in the valley: A degraded prairie near Port Cargill, and Mosquito Glen (near Savage Fen). While at the FWS property near Savage, I stopped a bulldozer from draining a pond on FWS land. The matter was turned over to Tom and John at the Refuge.

13. Tom is looking into the possibility of creating a Registry honor roll on a wall of the Visitor Center.

My expenses for the month are:

Purchases:

USGS Maps	\$21.01
Stamps	\$10.00
Address Labels	\$ 5.98

Milage:

To USGS	12 mi.
Site visits	33 mi.
Govt. Center	<u>7 mi.</u>
	52 mi x .26 = \$13.52

TOTAL \$50.51

Also, I have worked off 12 hours of the 24 that I took off during the week of my wedding. I will continue to work off those hours and plan to work even more to create some time for an extended Christmas vacation.

Thank you very much!

Sincerely,

Jennifer Hengelfelt
Registry Coordinator
Friends of the Minnesota Valley

cc. Elaine Mellott
Joe Harrison
Tom Larson
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Jennifer Hengelfelt
2010 St. Clair Ave
St. Paul, MN 55105

Dec. 26 1990

Robert Teetshorn
Friends of the MN Valley
10233 Berkshire Rd.
Bloomington, MN 55437.

Dear Robert,

My appologies for the script this month! Today I have access to neither typewriter or computer!

This month has been short but busy. (Really only 12 waking days since our last board meeting) Mostly I have continued to prepare to meet with landowners. I feel the info. packets are very complete and informative now. "Prairie Restorations" has agreed to donate prairie seed mixtures to include for hand outs to land owners - a good incentive and interest-grabber for registrants.

I attempted 2 meetings with land owners, both meetings were called off because the landowners were too busy with the holiday season. I have agreements from 11 landowners to meet after the 1st of January. (100% of those contacted by phone so far!) They should all be registred by the end of January, and I would like to register even more by February!

The brochure is once again out of my hands, but in the final stage. The printers ("Print Craft" in Bloomington) said they may be able to get it back, complete by Jan 2nd. With a little luck, we may have it at the meeting that evening.

I continue to work on various other projects; learning computer programs, arranging plaque design (we are now looking at a less expensive model), and looking ahead to the next phase of landowners.

Elaine and I met last week to discuss progress and continuation from here. I discussed with her the possibility of taking Dec. 26, 27, 28 and 31 off to extend Christmas vacation in northern Minnesota. I would prefer to not be paid for 3 of those days, and I will work off the fourth day in January. If I find that registries keep me busy enough in January to easily work off more days, then I could request to be paid for those hours with my next letter. If you also find this to be O.K., please deduct 3 days pay off my next pay check. Thanks!

I have finished working off the days I took off in October.

My expenses this month include

\$ 5.75	Parking - Hennipen Govt Center
<u>\$ 53.70</u>	"Landscaping for Wildlife" books for landowners from DNR
<u>\$ 59.45</u>	TOTAL

Also- please note that my address has changed to 2010 St. Clair, St. Paul, 55105.

Thank you so much. I hope your holiday season is filled with joy and peace. See you in January

- Jennifer Hengelfelt

cc. Elaine Mellott, Joe Harrison, Mark Thorson, Tom Larson
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March 4, 1991

Robert Teetshorn
Treasurer, Friends of the Minnesota Valley
10233 Berkshire Rd.
Bloomington, MN 55437

Dear Robert,

Since I wrote on February third, my accomplishments include:

1. We received blank wood plaques from Fairbault Regional Center.
2. Highlighted the duties which would be best done by volunteers.
3. We have a volunteer interested in evening and weekend work. She is enthusiastic and should be fun to work with once I find appropriate work for her to do.
4. Re-wrote a Tract Visit Summary which better summarizes the registry visits.
5. Wrote Mid-America Festivals and called to arrange a meeting regarding registry of the Renaissance Festival Grounds.
6. Talked with Joyce Kelley of the Wildlife Habitat Enhancement Council about incorporating their program into the registry of corporate and industrial lands in the valley. They require registrants to pay a fee but offer more intensive services, and they work within the company to create employee interest and action in habitat enhancement. I sent them information about a tract of prairie land owned by Cargill (Cargill already belongs the WHEC program but is not working with their land in the river valley).
7. Wrote Frederick Rahr re. the registry program and the tax incentives of donating land to FWS, etc. (in response to his inquiry)
8. Highlighted some land south of Louisville with prairie and Kitten Tails and talked to several other people about the potential of registering their land as far south as Bell Plaines.
9. Met with Joe Harrison twice to discuss the letter we are sending to the donors to the Registry Program.

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10. Sent letters to 8 more landowners introducing the program and registered 4 more landowners. I have appointments to meet with more. Only one landowner refused to meet.

11. To date we have 10 registries, covering 1 1/2 miles of bluff and 35.25 acres. 100% of those who I met with have registered.

EXPENSES

My expenses for the month include:

Purchases:

Stamps	\$ 5.80
<u>Landscaping for Wildlife</u>	\$107.40

Milage:

Site visits etc. 45 mi x.26=	\$ 11.70
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\$124.90

HOURS WORKED: 58

x \$10.00	-	\$580.00
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TOTAL	\$704.90
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Thank you very much. I will see you Wednesday!

Sincerely,

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March 4, 1991

Robert Teetshorn
Treasurer, Friends of the Minnesota Valley
10233 Berkshire Rd.
Bloomington, MN 55437

Dear Robert,

Happy spring to you! My work for March included:

1. I have spent quite a bit of time preparing enclosures for a letter to send to donors to the Registry Program. I re-wrote the letter as was suggested at the last board meeting and completed a concise agenda of the registry program to date.
2. As an enclosure to be added to the mailing, it was suggested that we include a sensitive species list for the valley. I took this opportunity to create quite a comprehensive list which I hope will turn out to be very valuable in many aspects for the refuge, ie. selling the value of the refuge and focusing management on these lesser-known but more valuable species. Of course, it is helpful in implementing and selling the registry program.
3. I am asking for the help of a Macalester College Student to come onto the program as a dedicated intern. I may not get the help until the fall semester.
4. I sent information about a prairie on NSP land to Joyce Kelly, of the Wildlife Habitat Enhancement Council and am encouraging their involvement in registry.
5. Attempted to place an article in the Mpls Star-Tribune.. better luck next time!
6. Received 21 finished laser engraved plaques to be given to landowners.
7. Met with 3 landowners who have native prairie on their land.
8. Am currently working with the DNR regarding a DNR policy problem which has prompted one of our landowners to plant some woody cover on a native prairie containing the endangered Kitten Tails.
9. Am negotiating a formal management plan for two prairie areas on the Renaissance Festival grounds. This has great potential, as they are willing to do some prescribed burning with the help of the Shakopee Fire Department. Also as a result of

the meeting with Mid-America Festivals, we found an additional prairie that they weren't aware of on their land. Also, by notifying them of the value of the prairie which they knew exists, we have prevented them from digging it up for landscaping purposes (scheduled this spring!)

10. Our other new registry with a small prairie is interested in expanding the prairie with a planting.

11. 14 registries are now in process. (negotiating formal agreement with Mid-America Festivals)

EXPENSES

My expenses for the month include:

Purchases:

Postage \$ 2.90

Milage:

Site visits etc. 217.2mi. x .26 = \$ 56.42

\$ 59.32

HOURS WORKED: 72.25 (FOR MAR. 16 TO 31)

x \$10.00 - \$722.50

TOTAL \$781.82

Thank you very much. I will see you Wednesday!

Sincerely,

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May 1, 1991

Robert Teetshorn
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Dear Robert,

This month, I have been able to devote much more time toward the actual registry of lands. To date we have 20 registries, making up for a total of 212 acres.

Three of the new registries are quite significant. One landowner thought his prairie was crabgrass and weeds (obviously was not well protected in this case!). Another owns part of a very nice bluff prairie, which she has taken active interest in. Another has 155 acres of rolling bluffs and floodplain containing about 60 acres of high quality maple-basswood forest, 20 acres of prairie, and 60 acres of floodplain forest. He called me following our meeting to say he saw a coyote and several Turkeys there after we left...good indicators of a healthy area.

Marty Ruddy, a student from Macalester College is now working with the program. He has gotten an overview of the program and accompanied me on a registry visit last week. We created a good list of tasks that would benefit us as well as his interests. He will start by creating a write-up that will encourage landowners to protect their native prairie remnants. He is also interested in researching mining problems and policies in the valley, among other things. He will volunteer 5 hours each week and his enthusiasm is invaluable.

I worked with Mid America Festivals some more this month. Last week, however, Brian Husebe, who I was working with, found a new job. This means the agreement will need to be put on the back burner for 9 or 10 months. In the mean time, the festival is aware of their sensitive areas and are taking steps to protect it as a result of my meetings with them.

Other details I attended to this month include:

- printing labels for the plaques and arranging to deliver them,
- presented the program to Rupert Cuttler, and at the Earthday Booth,
- Found more landowner addresses in Scott County, etc.
- Sent more introductory letters
- prepared more packets to be given during registry meetings
- Finished a map and the letter to be sent to donors

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- updated the "resources" handout
- Walked with Welby Smith and Wallace Neal to look for the cactus
- Discovered a new site with the endangered Kitten Tails by walking a neighboring site. I am very sure that the landowner in this case does not know they are there.

In regard to the sensitive species list, I am finding it is being used in many ways by many people already. Most importantly, the list stresses the need to protect biodiversity in the valley. Besides being a good addition to our letter to donors, It is valuable in selling the importance of the valley to registry landowners, visitors to the center, and supporters of the refuge of all kinds. I think it will also be valuable in attaining and strengthening support from our politicians.

EXPENSES

My expenses for the month include:

Purchases:

stamps	\$ 11.60
brass name tags (plaques)	\$ 12.72

Milage:

site visits, etc.

Willard	17
Pennington	17
Shakopee	44

78 mi.x.26=\$ 20.28

\$ 44.60

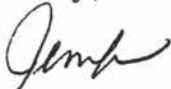
HOURS WORKED: 79.75 (FOR APR.16 TO 30)

x \$10.00	-	\$797.75
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TOTAL	<u>\$842.35</u>
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Thank you very much, Bob.

Sincerely,



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June 6, 1991

Robert Teetshorn
Treasurer, Friends of the Minnesota Valley
10233 Berkshire Rd.
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Dear Bob,

Here is that monthly report! During the month of May, I made 7 more registry agreements, bringing the total up to 27.

I have been working with two sites this month which contain the endangered Kitten tail plant. On one of the sites, we estimated there to be well over one thousand plants, which would make it definitely one of the most valuable sites for this plant in the state. There are only about a dozen locations of kittentails in the state, several of which have been severely degraded and contain fewer than twenty plants. There are only a few sites with as many as one hundred plants. Obviously this site is highly significant!

The second kittentail site is one that had not been previously discovered by anyone! The approximately 100 kittentails, along with the 10-15 acres of prairie on which they sit could have disappeared under the succeeding junipers, but now the landowner is determined to protect the area.

Other significant registry sites include an area near Jordan with dry sand prairie and sand dunes that abut the Minnesota River. It is ideal habitat for the Eastern Hognose Snake (rare in Minnesota) and other reptiles. This is also historically a significant religious site. About 100 years ago the local indian tribe put their dead on stilts on the high dune above the river before burial.

In Bloomington, two landowners are actively restoring their small prairies by cutting back brush. They did not realize the areas were prairie before they registered.

I am also working to incorporate the help of other programs in strengthening protection of registered areas. The State DNR has a program that offers tax incentives to landowners who maintain 5 or more acres of prairie. The Nature Conservancy will also register sites that are highly significant, such as those with significant populations of sensitive species. They may actually be able to help landowners on their registry with prescribed burns.

I presented the program on two occasions, On the Bloomington Cable program, "Open Horizons", and to the honorary board and the legislative aids.

Marty Ruddy, who has volunteered for the last six weeks, has signed up to do a full internship with the registry program next fall. He will put in at least 10-15 hours each week working to help attain registries and he will get credit for it at Macalester College.

EXPENSES

My expenses for the month include:

Purchases:

U of MT Spurge Booklet	\$ 1.50
Color copies, donor mailing	\$ 53.94

	\$ 55.44

Milage:

site visits, etc.	
Westley	6.4
Bell Plaines	102
Jordan	88
City Hall, Blmt.	14
Halverson and Wolf	37
Shak, Carv, Bluff Cr	98
Shroyer	19
Sorensen, Simonson	41

	405 mi.x.26=\$ 105.30

TOTAL EXPENSES.....\$ 160.74

HOURS WORKED: (FROM MAY 16 TO MAY 31) = 79.5
x \$10.00 = \$ 795.00

TOTAL \$ 955.74

I am inclosing my time cards for the year, for your info. I am also enclosing the addresses of the folks who made \$25.00 donations to the Friends. Thank you very much, Bob! Have a terrific summer!

Sincerely,

Jennifer Hengelfelt
Registry Coordinator
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June 20, 1991

Robert Teetshorn
Treasurer, Friends of the Minnesota Valley
10233 Berkshire Rd.
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Dear Bob,

I am writing to report my progress since June 6th, when I last wrote.

In the last two weeks we've gained two more registries, bringing the total up to 29.

I am working with Becky Shirber, a volunteer, who is working to pull more volunteers together to eradicate leafy spurge (a noxious weed!) from a prairie neighboring a registered tract.

Chris Burns, Editor of the Bloomington Sun interviewed me yesterday. There should be an article about the registry program in the Bloomington paper next Wednesday or the week after.

I have delivered almost all the plaques to date. The three (most recently registered) that are still not in landowners hands are still being engraved, and those landowners understand that they will get them in September. I will not leave any plaques undelivered, so you folks should not have to worry about delivering any when I am gone.

I am working on a letter with a questionnaire which I aim to complete and send before I leave. Responses to the questionnaire will be sent to my box at the refuge.

Mark will receive a copy of an address list of those landowners who have registered to be added to the Friends list. They have also been added to the refuge mailing list.

-Designed a rubber stamp and a pin for the Friends

-Wrote a brief description of the management of Kittentails (We have 4 landowners with the plant).

I am trying to leave everything well tied up so that no problems should arise when I am gone. In the mailing to landowners, Elaine's name will be mentioned as a contact in my absence.

EXPENSES

My expenses for the month include:

Purchases:

USPS- 80 stamps	\$ 23.20
USPS- Stamps and metered mail	\$ 7.47
Engraving- brass plates	\$ 28.50
Stationary- 1 ream, 2nd page	\$ 19.60

	\$ 78.77

Milage:

site visits, etc.	
Stocker	75
Johnson	75
Erickson	65
Plaque Deliv, Blmt	19
Plaque Deliv, Blmt	24
Grote, Plaque	68

326 mi.x.26= \$ 84.76

TOTAL EXPENSES.....\$ 163.53

HOURS WORKED: (FROM JUN 1 TO JUN 21)	=	119.75
x \$10.00	-	\$ 1197.50
		+ \$ 163.53

TOTAL PAY \$ 1361.03

I want to thank you all for being so flexible and allowing me time for a terrific vacation. I'm really appreciative and fortunate.

Thank you very much, Bob! Have a terrific summer!

Sincerely,

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October 1, 1991

Robert Teetshorn
Treasurer, Friends of the Minnesota Valley
10233 Berkshire Rd.
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Dear Bob,

It is good to be back and working! I have been working an average of 22 hours per week since I started on September 3rd. I am enclosing my time sheets for the month.

This month we gained three more registries, one is near Jordan, and is 42 acres of prairie pasture containing kittentails, and two are in the Nine Mile Creek area in Bloomington.

I researched the land on the east border of Louisville Swamp, and sent introduction letters to all the private landowners there. I will be contacting the landowners there next month.

The Sportsman's Coalition for a Clean Minnesota River Convention was attended by fewer people than they expected, however the people who were there were especially interested in what we had to say. I produced a slide program and a poster that can be used in the future as well. The convention provided a good opportunity to get acquainted with people in other agencies and organizations who may be of help in the future. We will be getting mailings from the SCCMR in the future.

Elaine and I met a couple times to discuss strategies for the fall and winter, and project into the spring. This fall I will focus on registering as many sites as possible in the west, where there are larger tracts of land and more significant natural features. As winter comes, I will focus on the smaller lots in Bloomington and Eden Prairie. Most all of these will be lots adjacent to the Refuge borders.

We also discussed incorporating the Board's help with tasks that relate to the other parts of the Registry Program, such as a newsletter and the winter recognitions ceremony. We discussed the possibility of turning the focus of the Friend's Newsletter towards topics that would interest the registrants, such as management techniques, information on biodiversity and natural communities, lists of registrants, etc. The idea is that many Friends members would appreciate this info as well. It would "Beef up" the Newsletter and be a cheaper and easier alternative to producing a registry newsletter.

Joyce Kelley will be coming to the Twin Cities around the 24th of October. She said she would be willing to discuss strategies for a valley business and corporation registry. I visited the NSP land that we may be able to work with Joyce on and discovered the prairie land is very diverse, but is being invaded by spurge. There were a lot of signs of wild turkey there as well.

EXPENSES FOR THE MONTH

MILAGE:

NSP and Spande land:	45 mi.
Clark and Gunderson, Glen Wilding:	18 mi.
1/2 road trip to New Ulm:	<u>106 mi.</u>
	169 mi.x.26 = \$43.94

OTHER:

SCCMR Convention registration fee:	\$10.00

TOTAL EXPENSES:	\$53.94
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Thanks again Bob.

Sincerely,



Jennifer Hengelfelt
Registry Coordinator
Friends of the Minnesota Valley

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November 12, 1991

Robert Teetshorn
Treasurer, Friends of the Minnesota Valley
10233 Berkshire Rd.
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Dear Bob,

This month I have been focusing on registries in the Louisville Swamp area. With five new registries, we have added 176 acres of protected land. Most of these sites include floodplain and wet forest, some land surrounding Sand Creek (which flows into the Minnesota River) and some agricultural land.

The landowners in the Louisville Swamp area are also, I'm finding, a bit more resistant to the idea of registry. Two landowners who I talked with were not interested and two others were not interested in meeting until some later date. Several others have unlisted numbers, so I need to wait for them to call me.....If I were to generalize, I would say that I think these folks like more privacy.

I also met with a couple who own a part of the prairie shared by Nedra Nichols. They were at first resistant, but became very enthusiastic about registry by the end of our meeting!

I have found two volunteers who are willing to do some much needed work. One will help create a mailing list for Hennipen County beginning in mid-December. (It might be best to do a general mailing following the Holiday season, when folks may be more receptive.) The other volunteer wants to help with our newsletter!

Joyce Kelley could not make it to Minnesota this month, as she had too much happening in the office. She may not make it again until April.

*all potential
registrants
in Hennepin Co.
- Daniel
Carmichael*

EXPENSES FOR THE MONTH:

MILAGE:

85 MI X .26 = 22.10

STAMPS:

2 X 5.80 = 11.60

TOTAL: 33.70

The above expenses are what I requests when I called last week. I also sent a check for \$127.01 to order the books, Wildflowers of the Tallgrass Prairie, Upper Midwest, which we will sell to landowners with prairie as an alternative to the Landscaping for Wildlife books.

Thank you much, Bob.

Cheer,



Jennifer Hengelfelt
Registry Coordinator
Friends of the Minnesota Valley

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December 3, 1991

Robert Teetshorn
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Dear Bob,

Seasons greetings to you!

My last report to you was written in the middle of November. The last half of November proved to be the beginning of holiday festivities and attitudes, and has had an impact on the registry.

Although I have talked with many landowners over the phone, only one has had time to meet with me since my last report. (although I have arranged some meetings in January) I associate this present lack of time to two things: 1. The holiday season and 2. The economy. I believe that the economy is causing people to work longer hours, and it could be that people are more protective of what is theirs... less likely to allow anyone to take interest in their land.

I believe it is best to wait until January to continue to contact people, other than those who I have been in contact to date.

I have been focusing on taking care of other needs for the last three weeks. These include the following: I

- asked Prairie Restorations Inc. for another donation of prairie grass, which they have delivered. A real nice contribution.

- met with David Carmichael, the volunteer who is interested in writing for us. I have told him nothing about whether he will be chosen to edit the newsletter.

- have found some potential newsletter material pertaining to biodiversity, ecology and prairies.

- have been responding to various landowner requests, re. management (e.g. control of juniper, prickly ash and preservation of kitten tails)

- began an article to be submitted to the national

newsletter, Fish and Wildlife News.

_ am creating general info. for landowners with common problems. (e.g. noxious weeds, increasing biological diversity, runoff and ground water pollution)

This month I will focus more on getting publicity, preparing the January mailing to bluff landowners, and mailing a holiday greeting/informational letter to registrants.

EXPENSES FOR THE MONTH:

MILAGE:

21 MI X .26 = \$ 5.46

STAMPS:

\$ 5.80

TOTAL:

11.26

Thank you much, Bob.

Cheer,



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April 3, 1992

Robert Teetshorn
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Dear Bob,

Here's the scoop! Since we last met, March 11th:

I have caught up with the last wave of registrants (i.e. responded to initial information requests, and thanked them etc.)

We have two more registrant, bringing the total to 47. (See changes on the minutes from last month.)

I gave a short talk ("Landowner Pride, a Tool for Preservation") about the registry at a prairie symposium at the U of M. It was very well received, especially since most people were looking for answers to the problems of protecting the urban prairies.

I am hoping to get a prescribed burn accomplished this spring on at least one of the Kittentail sites near Jordan, and have been in contact with the Nature Conservancy about this (They have a volunteer burn crew that would focus on sites near the cities, and they are interested in the Kittentail populations.) I would like to establish the framework for accomplishing this before I leave, since I am the most appropriate link between the landowners and the Conservancy for now.

Louisville Prairie:

The hearing will not be in April, but possibly on May 11th, if not put off until June or beyond. I have requested to be put on the mailing list for Scott County so we can be informed.

I talked to Welby Smith, Gerald Ownbey and Tom Morley to gain a better understanding about the Louisville prairie. They agreed that it would be important enough to write a letter. It is a somewhat degraded prairie, but there is no reason to believe that either the Hills Thistle or the Kittentails would be gone.

The DNR will review the request, and will look for the rare plant populations again this spring.

Bonita Eliason (the Environmental Review Specialist at the DNR) recommended a letter or a call to Scott County for now, and if a EAW is needed, we should write again then. If someone on the board volunteers to write a letter, I would be glad to help with details.

For April:

My focus will shift from the blufftop landowners back toward the Louisville area.

EXPENSES FOR THE MONTH

MILAGE: (registry meetings) 13 x .26 = \$ 3.38

Total expenses: \$ 3.38

I am enclosing a check that was left at the Visitor Center this month (membership for Colin Tierney).

Thank you again, Bob.

Sincerely,



Jennifer Hengelfelt
Registry Coordinator
Friends of the Minnesota Valley

enc. hours and stamp book cover.

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June 15, 1992

Robert Teetshorn
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Dear Bob,

I guess this is the last "end of the month" letter! Hard to believe.

Ann and I have managed to work through the program in such a way that she is well prepared to take over. I have shown her the most important areas to protect by foot, car and/or file, and have outlined a direction to go from here. Since she already knows quite a bit about the valley, this job was made easier. She has also participated in every step of the registry process, from finding appropriate sites to writing letters and arranging meetings, to delivering plaques and other follow up material. She has sat in on two very different registry meetings (one was very easy and the other was much more challenging). We have talked about the possibility of me sitting in on one of her meetings sometime before I leave the country.

Ann and I have also been working on other aspects of the program, including what to do about the Shakopee prairie, the honor roll wall, a volunteer group, and a group meeting with prairie owners near Jordan (which may or may not work out this summer).

My files and records are organized well enough so that it should be easy for Ann to keep it under control. We have really covered a lot of ground, and I am confident that it will be a very smooth transition from this point, as Ann is very able.

Other accomplishments since May 1st include:

- I responded to landowner requests (Such as appropriate planting info, check-ups, and book/plaque deliveries)
- We have written a letter and questionnaire to be sent to all registrants as an annual checkup, and evaluation of the program. We have already received 2 responses.
- Jim Brandenburg showed interest in including some sites in a photo essay for the National Geographic, but had Jim around when the orchids were blooming, we would have had a better chance. He did show interest, however, and it may be a possibility for the future.

- I felt the field trip to registry sites, etc. was successful and really enjoyed sharing the sites first hand with the board.
- I spent some time doing staff work, ie. helping to prepare for the Congressional Luncheon, and helping to get the newsletter off the ground.
- I accomplished 4 more registries since May 1st. These include two Bloomington bluff properties and two Sioux Vista properties (total of 22 acres).

We also had a meeting with landowners (Stich) of a 66 acre tract bordering the west side of Louisville Swamp. It turned out to be a very challenging meeting and, although we could not get them to register, I still feel it was successful. Mr. Stich was somewhat antagonistic to begin with, however we had a very good, amiable talk by the end, in which we left the door open for the future. Mr. Stich would like to mine the land for gravel, for retirement income. If they register, we will advise him in mining methods that are compatible with the area. He is already interested in turning the pit into a lake for wildlife, and although it is not a perfect environmentally sound idea, it could have more potential than leaving the pit for waste.

I have arranged for several more meetings by letter and phone and Ann will be in charge of these, including several prairie tracts in Sioux Vista. Les Malkerson has been contacted via letter following our talk at the Congressional Aids Luncheon. Ann will arrange to meet with him at the end of July, when I will be in town. We may use this meeting with him to discuss what concerns need to be addressed in business registries.

Before I leave on JULY 27th, I will be in touch, and am planning on being around on a volunteer basis to introduce Kim Chapman of the Nature Conservancy to the folks who own the Sioux Vista kittentail population so that TNC may be able to burn this area.

I will also be around to meet with Joyce Kelley and any available board members on WEDNESDAY, JULY 22 at 7:30 to discuss the Wildlife Habitat Enhancement Council and arranging an agreement with Cargil and other businesses in the valley.

EXPENSES FOR THE MONTH

MILAGE: Olson/Drouge	16 mi.	
Doyle	12 mi	
Kaul	67 mi.	

	95 mi x .28 =	\$26.60
Stamps:	5.80 x 1 =	\$ 5.80

Total expenses:		\$ 40.12
		32.40

I forgot my May hours at the refuge, but Ann said she would pass those to you at the next board meeting. She should also have some separate expenses to report to you.

Thank you once again, Bob. It has been fantastic working with you.

Truly,

JenH

Jennifer Hengelfelt

enc. hours and stamp book cover.

cc. Coral Houle
Elaine Mellott
Mark Thorson
✓ Tom Larson
Joe Harrison

Hi Tom -

I thought I should give you folks my addresses for the next couple months:

Home until June 30th

July - Nomadiz, but my parents or John's Parents should know.
488-3990 484-2553

... where we are.

July 28th: International School of Stavanger
Treskeveien 3
4042 Hafslsfjord, Norway

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Purge

Edward Crozier
60 Oak Shore Drive, Burnsville, MN
55306-5506
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August 24, 1997

Mr. Joe White
Chairman, Board Affairs Committee
Friends of Minnesota Valley
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Dear Joe,

Although there are other board members that are better suited to be the next President of the Friends of Minnesota Valley (FMV), apparently they cannot serve at this time; therefore I accept the Board Affairs Committee invitation to serve in that capacity.

However, before a final decision is made by the Board regarding my serving as President it may be helpful to spell out my intent, beliefs and expectations for the FMV in this letter, especially since I will not be attending the September or the October regular Board meetings and unable to respond to any questions, etc. at that time. I will be visiting Voyagers National Park the first week of September and plan to be waterfowl hunting in North Dakota and elsewhere in October. However, except for weekends at our lake cabin, I will be in town for most of September and available and do plan to attend the September 20 annual meeting.

- As President, I hope to continue the high level dynamism and contributions of the FMV and to continue its role as a national model refuge Friends group.
- I have reviewed Executive Director Ann Haines' draft strategic plan dated August 20 and Refuge Manager Schultz's perspectives in his letters of August 12 to Jean Johnson and August 20 to Ann Haines. Although I do not see any significant conflict, I suggest the FMV Board revise Ann's draft plan as suggested below to accommodate Rick's main concerns.
- I have always thought the term "Lower Minnesota River Valley" in the FMV mission statement to be more or less synonymous with "Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge", but it is evident that the US Fish & Wildlife Service (FWS) will feel more comfortable in continuing to provide office space, administrative support, etc. for the FMV if we insert the following words "*especially the Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge*" after "*lower Minnesota Valley*," in the mission statement.

- If necessary the "refuge" could be mentioned in the goals too and maybe include something specific about being a refuge partner. Although supporting the refuge has always been the intent, the reason we drifted away from a refuge focus in our stated goals was that outside funding experts advised us to emphasize "river and resources" rather than the "federal wildlife refuge", as potential donors will be less interested in financially supporting a "federal project". However, if our present wording is not satisfactory for the FWS then we must change it if we want them to continue their support. The FMV cannot survive without it. If necessary, we could include more explicitly Rick Schultz's description of an ideal Friends organization or similar words from his August 12 letter in the FMV statement of goals.
- Also, there should be a clarification of "core staff" in the draft strategic plan. What does this mean in terms of numbers of permanent and term, full or part time FMV staff that will be housed at the refuge? See additional comments on this below.
- As President I intend to participate frequently in the FMV business and operations. However, there are times when family and personal activities will take priority, as an example the fall plans mentioned above. I will be available as a spokesperson for the FMV but I am not inclined to be present for weekend public events at the refuge.
- I intend to communicate/coordinate frequently with the Refuge Manager in concert with the Executive Director, as I see the FMV working in a partnership with the refuge on Lower Minnesota Valley based projects.
- I will work closely with the staff and will probably have brief weekly meetings with the Executive Director or at least talking on the phone and also communicating frequently with the Executive Committee. However, I normally operate quite independently so expect the staff and myself to act independently on behalf of the FMV if the occasion requires and I feel it is appropriate to do so.
- I do not intend to micro-manage staff although I do plan to work directly with the Executive Director, along with the Vice President and Executive Committee, in developing job performance standards, job evaluation, reviewing the progress of projects and discussing operational policy and guidance.
- Hopefully, the Board and staff will have fun and enjoy working for the FMV while I serve as President, however my expectations for both Board and staff will be high. I may be quite direct in asking for help on projects. Meetings are expected to be informal and enjoyable but productive.
- I intend to push hard for a merger of the Minnesota Valley Interpretive Association (MVIA) and the FMV. I think it will work better for all organizations and the resources of the valley. The Boards could be blended and a new election of officers from the blended Boards. There will need to be some special consideration in the new organization to insure there is proper attention paid to the operation of the book store. Maybe there could be a special Vice-President and committee or something similar just for book store and related operations.
- In order for the FMV (merged or not) to continue at the same level as the past several years, the Executive Director and the President will have to spend considerable time working with the Development Committee on fund raising. I expect that the Executive Director will need to spend nearly one half time fund raising, including membership unless we can somehow afford additional staff expertise in this area. Regardless, I will participate where and when it is helpful.

- Considering the financial outlook of the FMV and the FWS concerns about administratively supporting several staff persons of the FMV and providing office space for them, I suggest that the FMV plan to have on a permanent basis a full time Executive Director, a part time or maybe a full time administrative assistant and if merged with the MVIA, a part time business manager for the book store. Beyond that basic level of staffing, other staff should be added on a term basis (full or part time) if funds are available from specially funded projects. The position Amy is filling is a good example of a term position with its own funding and special purpose. A special development/fund raising staff person could be another. Generally, existing refuge staff can implement special refuge projects or new refuge employees can be hired instead of FMV hiring new people. Other times the refuge cannot hire the right people and new FMV term staff are needed
- The Heritage Registry has been the life blood of the FMV and has been responsible for a variety of direct and indirect benefits to the refuge and FMV and it should be sustained on a "keep it alive" minimal basis, i.e. provide the basic nurturing of existing registrants and sign up new registrants on an opportunistic basis even though there are no special funds available to support it. It is very important to the FMV, but like all special projects it needs to be funded by itself if it is to be a full scale project.
- In order for the refuge to flourish and reach its potential and the FMV to be successful in the mission and goal of instilling within the community a sense of appreciation, etc. for the Valley we need to spread the word about the Valley's overall natural resource, economic, cultural and recreational values and that it is an incredible asset that is not now being recognized by the communities nor are they taking advantage of it. We need to point that out and it would be my intention to do so personally. This message should appeal more to community governments and potential corporate donors than a narrower wildlife conservation message. However, being a general promoter or booster of the Valley (almost a Chamber of Commerce type message) might be a broader approach than the FMV has presented in the past so the Board should be aware of this intent.

I hope this has been a useful insight into my thinking and way of operating, as this is the basis upon which I will serve as the FMV President. You may share it with the whole Board if you wish and it may be wise to do so. If there is a problem and this changes the Board's mind about me serving as President, I will understand and will continue to work on behalf of the FMV and the refuge as a Board member or in another capacity.

Sincerely,



Ed Crozier

cc: Jean Johnson
Ann Haines
Rick Schultz
Nelson French
Paige Winebarger