April 11, 1955

Mr. Clay L. Perry 316 North Juanita Los Angeles, California

Friend Perry:

Enclosed find clipping that I hope will be of interest. There has been a lot of talk about it, and I think it is mighty good advertising. Keep me posted on how things are developing. I am enclosing an extra copy.

Sincerely yours.

Ed Fletcher

Charles and

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April 27, 1955

Mr. Clay L. Perry 316 North Juanita Los Angeles, California

Friend Perry:

Enclosed find clipping from Tribune of April 22. What is your reaction to this and is it practical to build two lines, one to supply the high levels as planned by Edmonston? Personally I think Lindsay and Allen are rocking the boat.

Kindest regards,

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Ed Fletcher

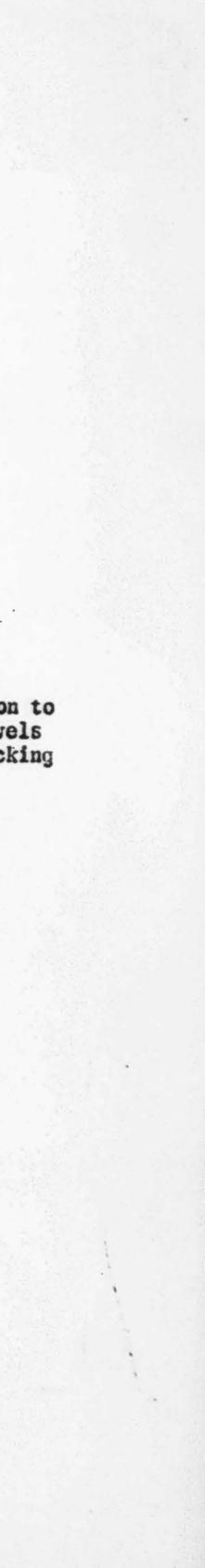
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May 5, 1955

Mr. Clay Perry 316 North Juanita Los Angeles, California

Friend Perry:

Enclosed find copy of letter I have written the State Engineer for your information with copy of organizational by-laws and copy of Heilbron's statement which he wanted made a matter of record. What do you think of it? It is too early to see whether they are trying to trap us or not.

Enclosed find copy of letter that I got from Arnold Klaus today that will be of interest.

Sincerely yours,

Ed Fletcher

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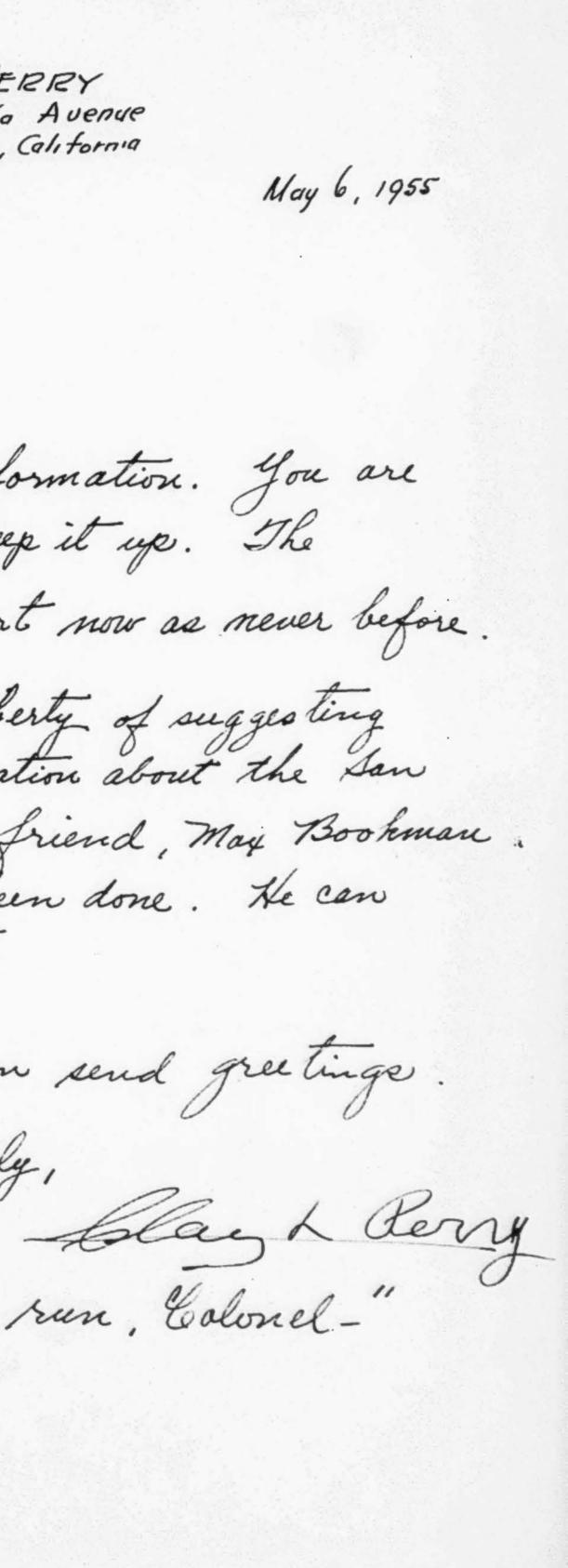
CLAY L. PERRY 316 N. Juanita Avenue Los Angeles 4, California

COLONEL ED FLETCHER 1020 NINTH AVE SAN DIEGO I, CALIFORNIA

Dear Colonel Ed, Thanks for your information. You are doing great! Please keep it up. The State needs your support now as never before. I am taking the liberty of suggesting that you send information about the San Diego meeting to our friend, May Bookman. in case this has not been done. He can make good use of it. Long and Sherman send greetings.

Sincerely,

"The enemy is on the run, Colonel-"



May 10, 1955

Mr. Clay L. Perry 316 North Juanita Los Angeles, California

Friend Clay:

Thanks for the remarkable letter of May 4. It has historic value and I shall keep it as such. My best regards to Messrs. Long and Sherman.

Sincerely,

Ed Fletcher

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May 13, 1955

Mr. Clay L. Perry 316 North Juanita Los Angeles, California

Friend Perry:

Enclosed find the Trinity River article, also Jack Cooper's article.

What do you think of them?

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Sincerely yours.

Ed Fletcher

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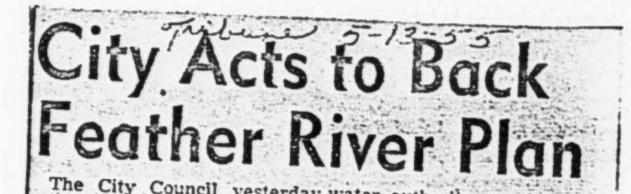
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P.S. I am also enclosing article from Tribune of May 12 and article about action taken by the City Council yesterday that are explanatory.

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The City Council yesterday water authority now takes de-asserted its interest in the pro-livery of Colrado River water. posed Feather River state wa- and runs south between U.S. ter project by two actions. The 395 and the coast. Council:

authority to include a possible should look at all aspects," high-level aqueduct route from said Beermann. Feather River in its study now

10 persons to represent the city erside County. on a committee to support the "The question is whether the Feather River plan.

Study Nears Completion ing completion. It has not in- will have sufficient water to cluded any study of the high-supply another aqueduct," level route, said Paul Beer- Beermann said. mann, city water director and Suggested for appointment ity.

One Feather River water de- Brooks, geologist and a direclivery route proposed by the tor of the county water authorstate would be at an elevation ity; John Butler, former mayof about 3,000 feet in San Di-or; Robert Conway; Graydon ego County's back country con-Hoffman; Councilman George, siderably to the east of the Kerrigan; Arthur Marston; second aqueduct route pro-Ralph Phillips; Aaron Reese, posed in the county study, deputy city attorney, and a

"I am not saying the high 1-Urged the county water route is better but I think we

Question of Supply centered on a possible second The county's first aqueduct aqueduct at a lower level from was recently completed with a Colorado River water de- construction of its second bar-livery point. rel running south about 70 rel running south about 70 2-Authorized appointment of miles from San Jacinto in Riv-

Metropolitan Water District (which supplies Colorado River, The county's study is near- water to Southern California)

a director of the water author- to the Feather River committee were Beermann; Baylor

which starts at a 1,600-feet elev- representative of organized ation at San Jacinto, where the labor yet to be named.

Enclosed find clipping from Union of May 16, written by Jack Cooper, showing that the Metropolitan Water District chief engineer says the cost of Colorado River water is \$121 an acre foot. Do you believe this is authentic?

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May 17, 1955

Mr. Clay L. Perry 316 North Juanita Los Angeles, California

Friend Perry:

I am also sending you a clipping from the Tribune of May 14 for your information.

Sincerely yours,

**Ed Fletcher** 

May 31, 1955

Mr. Clay Perry 316 No. Juanita Los Angeles, California

Dear Clays

Enclosed find clippings that will be of interest. Every weekly newspaper in the county will have an account of it as well. You put things over in a big way here. I take my hat off to you.

Please show the clippings to Mr. Long. My best to all of them.

Am flying up to Morthern California on business but you will hear from we again later.

Sincerely yoursx,

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CLAY L. PERRY 316 North Juanita Los Angeles, California

September 2, 1955

Col. Ed Fletcher 1020 Ninth Avenue San Diego, California

Dear Colonel:

I came down special today to report to you on the activities of Lowell Long and myself. We have just completed a 3 weeks' survey of every major city and county in California during which time I have talked to over 3000 individuals scattered throughout the state. They are unanimous in their willingness to support a comprehensive plan such as you envision.

Lowell and myself will make up a detailed report next week and mail it to you.

We have held over 15 meetings with assemblymen representative of Los Angeles County and I am convinced that the Los Angeles people will rise to the occasion, correcting all the errors of the past and again become a city that California can be proud of.

In the outlying districts which include all the counties outside of Alameda, San Francisco, Los Angeles and San Diego the people are afraid of the attitude of the City of Los Angeles and are fearful of another grab similar to the Owens Valley project. It therefore becomes necessary for Los Angeles City and County to adopt a program quaranteeing fair play throughout the state.

I find that your statement that too much is being done for too few and too little is being done for the great large majority of this/is easily summed up in the condition of eastern San Diego County. What this state wants is a system under which at least 5 years' water supply is stored in reservoirs in the mountains. I am glad to inform you, Colonel Fletcher, that throughout this state people have been reading and studying the observations that you have made and I am also glad to inform you that as of now they consider you the outstanding advocate and if you don't mind, authority on the conservation of water. As you know, communities on the Klamath River have not made any attempt to store water for their individual use and now face a shortage in their wells with no adequate water distribution.

I want you to know that like yourself I am paying my own way, we are trying to render a public service, and it is a pleasure for you and I to work together. Going further, Lowell Long and I are constantly inspired by your leadership.

Sincerely yours, Elay & Rerry.



Colonel Ed. Wei Sept 21 1955 I will suggest Quick action. Istill say the Californic, Water Plan will be settled in This from victorvelle your lifetime and By the time some of these along plane that fit your a matern arie groups get Organized 20 years will have 1 deas. Passed and California will be The Special Club boys are making their mores Enned by the Club Boy. mind Dof Rand U. and other. They are noglecting to grape country yesterday and Consult the people and and hading for an We got some sluff right off the vine. the Vine. will while to you Tomorrow Sam not coming to San Digo until Tuesday morning of neft week, at that time Thursday-from Los angels



as Lowell K has been asked to Jupare a suggester Plan of action Respectus from to the governor it might be a The governor it might be a good eden for you to wait Until Isee spon Luesday. Believe me In working, but I want the Amateur Birates to make their more first. The Best Plan will Win it always does and this water matter will be settled by the people. ler cerely

October 7, 1955

Mr. Clay L. Perry 316 N. Juanita Los Angeles, California

Dear Clay:

I acknowledge receipt of your letter of October 6 with exhibits and contents noted. I have read everything word for word and am very desirous of getting the positive plan that you and Long refer to.

I am sorry to say I have been under the weather but am feeling better. My interest is unabated.

Kindest regards,

Ed Fletcher

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