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NOTES/COMMENTS:

Dear Lisa:

Attached is the letter you requested yesterday.

Take Care,

Matt

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Federal Emergency Management Agency

Washington, D.C. 20472

January 26, 1999

Ms. Lisa Holland
State Coordinator, Flood Mitigation Program
South Carolina Department of Natural Resources
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Columbia, South Carolina 29205

Dear Lisa:

This is in response to your letter dated January 22, 1999, to Michael Buckley of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). Your letter transmitted a letter dated January 20, 1999, from [redacted], requesting confirmation from you that if certain actions were taken by the owners of the levee on the Manning property adjacent to the Congaree River in lower Richland County, that FEMA would revise the applicable Flood Insurance Rate Map to remove the Special Flood Hazard Area designation and floodway.

If the aforementioned levee is upgraded to meet in total the applicable portions of 44CFR, Part 65.10, and the construction necessary for it to meet said requirement is in compliance with State and local floodplain management requirements, then FEMA would revise the applicable FIRM to remove the Special Flood Hazard Area designation and floodway. As you are aware, should the structural modifications necessary to bring the levee into compliance with 44CFR, Part 65.10 result in any increase in base flood elevations as a result of construction within the existing regulatory floodway of the Congaree River, the requirements at 44CFR, Part 65.12 would also have to be met. In addition, any change in the configuration of the floodway as a result of the levee modifications will have to be done with the approval of the impacted communities.

Please call me at 202/646-3461 if you have any questions or comments.

Sincerely,

Matthew B. Miller

Matthew B. Miller, P.E., Chief
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January 22, 1999

Mr. Michael Buckley, Division Director
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Dear Mr. Buckley:

We have received the attached letter from Lockwood Greene, an engineering firm who is advising [redacted] concerning the Richland County levee issue. [redacted] is in negotiating a real estate transaction for a portion(s) of his property.

Basically, the attached letter is asking for assurances that if the levee is upgraded to meet the standards outlined in 44 CFR 65.10 (Mapping of Areas Protected by Levee Systems) that the levee would be recognized by FEMA and FEMA would approve a map revision submitted through the normal process.

We apologize for the short notice however we need an answer by Tuesday, January 26, 1999 because the potential buyers want assurances prior to purchase. A faxed response would be appreciated.

Should you need additional assistance or clarification, you may contact me by telephone at (803) 734-9120 or through e-mail at the address below.

Sincerely,

Lisa S. Holland

[redacted]
State Coordinator
Flood Mitigation Program

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20 January 1999

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Dear Ms. Holland:

Lockwood Greene is representing the property owners of the [redacted] property adjacent to the Congaree River in lower Richland County. As you are aware, this property is within the area being proposed as floodway by the preliminary (June 5, 1998) Flood Insurance Rate Maps. We have had several meetings with Richland County and the City of Columbia and have been asked to represent them as well in any clarifications of the FEMA regulations particularly 44 CFR 65.10.

The area protected by the levee system currently protects some existing development. Most notable of these are the Heathwood Hall Episcopal School and the City of Columbia Metropolitan Waste Treatment Plant. The owners of the majority of the remaining property are considering additional development on the property. At present, the proposed designation as floodway limits expansion of the existing development and prevents further development within the levee system.

The property owners intend to take the following steps:

1. The property owners intend to upgrade the levee system to meet structural requirements set out in 44 CFR 65.10. Property owners will also have all required documentation prepared as required by 44 CFR 65.10, including operation and maintenance plans.

2. The property owners intend to request Richland County to accept the responsibility for operation and maintenance of the levee system in accordance with 44 CFR 65.10. Upon completion of the required structural modification to the levee system

3. Upon certification of the levee system as a protective structure, the property owners will request, through Richland County, a letter of map revision of the current FIRM considering the levee system. It is our understanding that certification of the levee system will remove the area protected by the system from designation as a flood

prone area or designation as any floodway. It will also remove the requirement for mandatory flood insurance on development.

We would request confirmation of the above plan and of our interpretation of the requirements.

Thank you for your assistance. If you have any additional questions, you may reach me at 864-599-4481.

Sincere regards,

LOCKWOOD GREENE

[redacted]

CC: Mr. Burwell Manning
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