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CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT

ALBANY December 1, 1937.

Mr. Henry D. Rodgers,
Albany Savings Bank,
Albany, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Rodgers:-

I have received an opinion from the Attorney-General on the rebuilding of the old dam at Eagle Lake, a copy of which is enclosed herewith.

It appears from the Attorney-General's opinion that we have a right to permit the old dam to be rebuilt, provided we can get landowners around the lake to give us a release sufficient to protect the State from all damage arising in the flooding of private property through the restoration of the old dam. We should also have some guarantee as to the maintenance of the new dam to be built.

As to the dam itself, it may be that you have had a plan and estimates for such a dam prepared. If so, I would appreciate an opportunity to look over this material.

If you feel that the restrictions we would have to impose would not be too great and that you would like to proceed with the reconstruction of the dam, please let me know, whereupon I will be glad to get from the Attorney-General a suggestion as to the type of release you would have to obtain from each property owner, for that obviously would be the next step to be taken.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading 'W. G. Howard'.

Director, Lands and Forests.

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