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Mr. Edmond O. Luthy is the Assistant State Engineer, I still
2419 Ohio Avenue you several times. The property was
Cincinnati, Ohio have plans and specifications prepared
and accepted by the Conservation Department and used
Dear Mr. Luthy: incorporating a reference to these
plans and specifications and have that
I duly received your letter of the 22nd instant.
I am not at all surprised at its contents.

I remember telling you or Mr. Humphrey or both
of you that I felt sure that the Conservation Department
would insist on a formal release and would not be satis-
fied with the informal consent to which you secure signa-
tures of most of the property owners. Frankly, I don't
blame the Conservation Department in the slightest. No
lawyer would pass that release in its present form. I
think there is absolutely no use in trying to get them
to accept it. The reason for this is that in my opinion
it is not sufficient to bar claims for damages against
the State of Ohio.

Mr. Howard wrote me that there was no money
available in the Conservation Department's funds for this
dam. I believe I sent you a copy of this letter.

I do not think it will be possible now to use
CCC labor. In the first place, the Federal Government
has materially reduced the personnel of the corps and
of camps. There are only two camps near

