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Dear Mr. Siegenthaler:

There is some doubt in my mind as to the location of the gravel pit mentioned in your letter of July 3. At the time of construction of the Charles Mill Dam the District owned a gravel deposit on the east side of State Highway 603 and about one-half mile south of the Dam.

The property upon which this pit was located was transferred in fee to the United States Government, and it is our belief it has since been sold to private owners.

The District has a gravel deposit which has been opened up on the former Tucker property north of Route 30. The access to this particular place would be along the westerly side of the Lake to a point about 1 1/4 miles north of Route 30 and thence easterly and southerly about 1 mile. This would mean a round trip haul of about 10 miles from your clubhouse site to the gravel pit and return.

We have no objection to your use of gravel from the location named, but it is my opinion it possibly can be secured much cheaper from the pit below the Dam. The present owner would probably expect some compensation but in that the gravel is located within 1 mile of your clubhouse, you probably can afford to pay some nominal sum to the private owner rather than engage in the long haul necessary to reach the Tucker pit.

With reference to the rumors regarding the making of Charles Mill Lake a dry dam, it is true that the United States Engineer Corps made a proposal to use a portion of conservation storage for flood control purposes at six of the Lakes but Charles Mill was not included.

The District vigorously opposed the proposal and we believe other plans being worked out by the United States Engineers will remove the possibility of any permanent lowering of our conservation pools.

The need for additional flood control is not so great at Charles Mill and we doubt there will be any attempt to do anything which will adversely affect the present conservation pool.

Yours very truly

J. S. Gena Chief Engineer