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**REMARKS: Final Report of the Interagency Floodplain
Management Review Committee**

Attached is (1) a copy of the press release that went out today on the final report; and (2) the final report entitled "Sharing the Challenge: Floodplain Management into the 21st Century," from Gerry Galloway's Interagency Floodplain Management Review Committee.

As stated in the press release, the Administration's Floodplain Management Task Force, Co-chaired by Katie McGinty, T.J. Glauthier, and Jim Lyons (of USDA) has begun its review of the report. The review will assist the Administration in determining final recommendations. If you have any views on the report's recommendations, please provide us your comments.

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FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT REVIEW COMMITTEE ISSUES FINAL REPORT ON STUDY

As the Midwest Flood of 1993 was unfolding, the Administration created a task force to coordinate the federal recovery effort. A sub-group of the task force, charged with oversight of floodplain management activities, in turn established an independent Interagency Floodplain Management Review Committee.

Chaired by Brig. Gen. Gerry Galloway, the committee consisted of federal engineers and biological and social scientists with extensive technical and institutional knowledge and experience in floodplain management and river basin ecosystem management. Its mission was to:

- * Review the major causes and effects of the 1993 Midwest flooding;
- * Evaluate the performance of existing floodplain management and related watershed management programs; and
- * Make recommendations in a report to the Task Force about changes in current policies, programs and activities of the federal government that would most effectively achieve risk reduction, economic efficiency and environmental enhancement of the floodplain.

Last May, the Floodplain Management Review Committee circulated a draft of its report for comment by the various federal and state officials and key non-governmental organizations involved. Changes were made based on suggestions by interested parties.

The report, entitled *"Sharing the Challenge: Floodplain Management into the 21st Century,"* is now complete and has been submitted to the Floodplain Management Task Force. It is independent of any other federal or non-federal study or analysis and does not represent Administration policy.

The Administration's Floodplain Management Task Force has begun its review of the report. This review will assist the Administration in determining final recommendations.

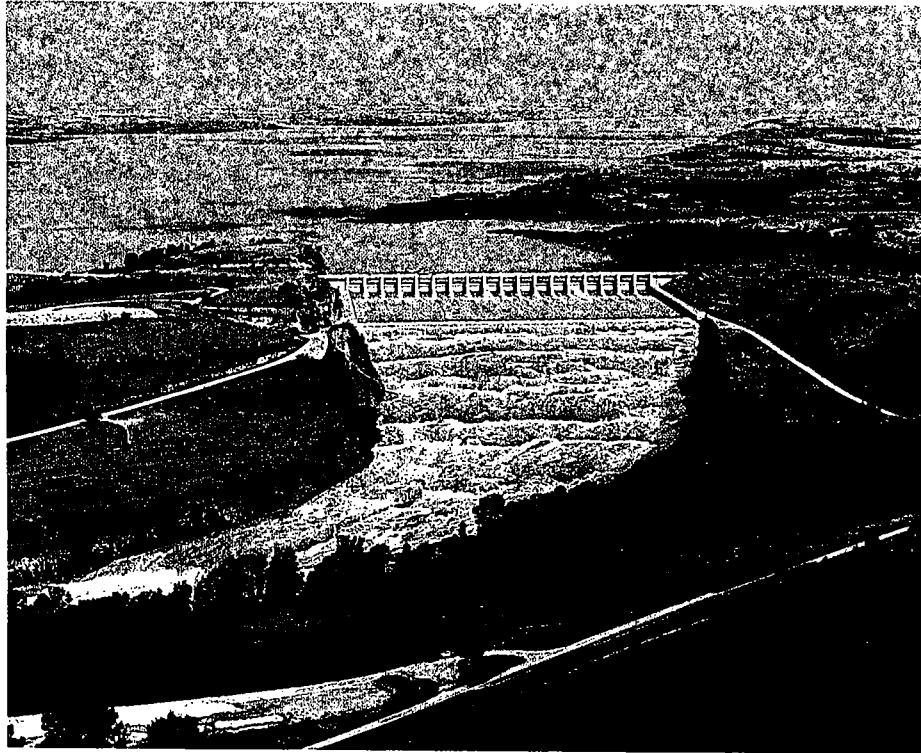
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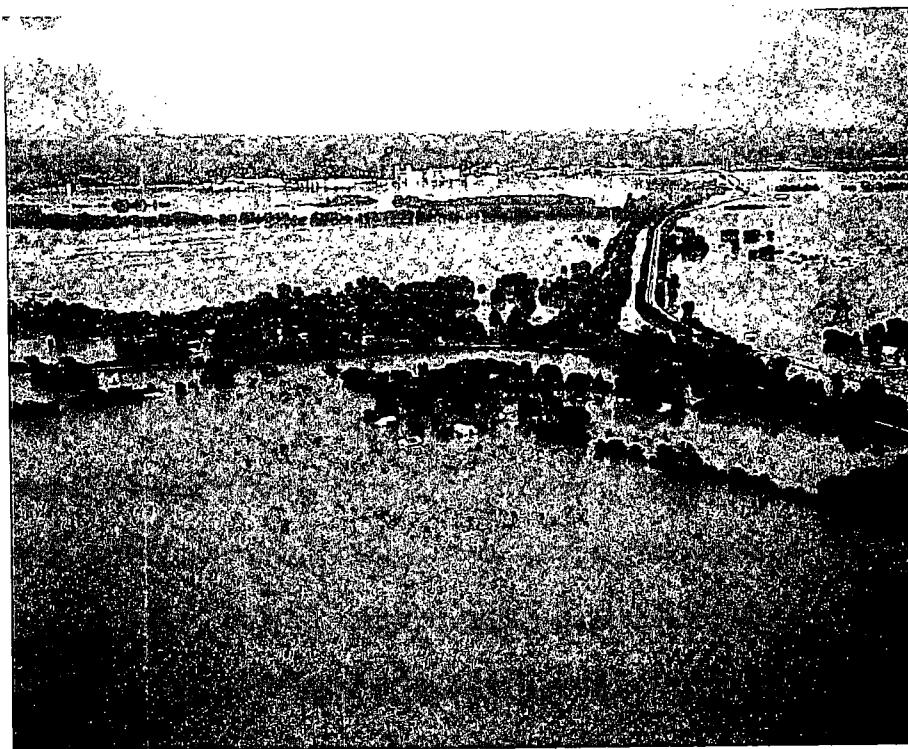
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FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT INTO THE 21ST CENTURY

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To the Administration Floodplain Management Task Force