

PPF 2114  
BOWDOIN, H. L.

January 2, 1935.

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My dear Mr. Secretary:

The President has asked me to send you the enclosed correspondence, which explains itself, with the thought that the young man might be used to advantage in your Department.

Will you not be good enough to advise Mr. Bowdoin in the matter?

Very sincerely yours,

M. A. LeHand  
PRIVATE SECRETARY

The Honorable,  
The Secretary of Agriculture,  
Washington, D. C.

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Enclosures. Lett. from H. L. Bowdoin, 116 Munsey Bldg., Balt., Md. dated Dec. 18, 1934, asking Pres has place for son - copy of reply to this letter from Miss LeHand, asking for qualifications, and another let from H. L. Bowdoin from 149-31 - 19th Ave., Whitestone, N. Y., dated Dec. 28, to the Pres., saying son has mechanical and electrical experience. At Johns Hopkins had chemistry and entomology. Specialist in chrysomelidae, farm pests, etc., reptiles, birds and bird banding.



HLB/H.

Laurence Bowdoin's address, 3921 Greenmount Ave. Baltimore.

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

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December 21, 1934.

MEMO FOR THE P. S.

Yes, I do know him. You had better tell him that if his son has any qualifications along special lines to let us know and we will take up with the appropriate Department.

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Laurence Bowdoin's address, 3921 Greenmount Ave. Baltimore.

December 22, 1934.

My dear Mr. Bowdoin:

Your letter of December eighteenth has been received, and I have been glad to place it before the President. He was very much interested in reading it, and he has asked me to say to you that if your son has any qualifications along special lines to let us know and we will take up the matter with the appropriate Department.

The President wants you to know that he appreciates your holiday greetings. He sends you his best wishes for Christmas and the New Year.

Very sincerely yours,

M. A. LeHand  
PRIVATE SECRETARY

Harry Livingston Bowdoin, Esq.,  
1116 Munsey Building,  
Baltimore,  
Maryland.

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Do you  
know him?  
M.C.

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NOPE - PW

**H. L. BOWDOIN**  
149-31 - 19TH AVENUE  
WHITESTONE, N. Y.

INDEPENDENCE 3 - 2358

January 5th, 1934.

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Your responsibilities are great and many, I wish I  
could help. Will send shortly two ideas which may or  
may not have merit but will show my interest in your  
problems.

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**H. L. BOWDOIN**

149-31 - 19TH AVENUE  
WHITESTONE, N. Y.

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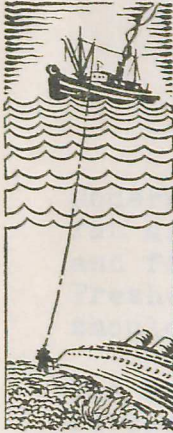
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149-31 - 19TH AVENUE  
WHITESTONE, N. Y.

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INDEPENDENCE 3 - 2358

January 5th, 1934.

The President,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Roosevelt,

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FLOOD CONTROL AND STORAGE BASINS  
FOR THE  
MISSISSIPPI RIVER.

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Modern, through roads build up every community through which they run and when these roads also prevent the overflow of river banks and form basins for the storage of the excess waters of Spring Freshets, which may then be used for power and/or irrigation, they should be built.

The construction of these roads would be simple. On the present levees -A- (accompanying sketch) two rows of interlocking steel sheet piling -C- would be driven to a depth of say 15 ft. and extend above the levee about 5ft. A sand fill -E- pumped from the river bottom -B- would form a foundation for a modern cement road -F- 50 or 75 ft. wide. Cement sides -D- would cover the sheet piling, these sides carrying suitable conduits for light, telephone and telegraph wires. The sides -D- should be about 3ft. high above the roadway to prevent vehicles from running off while not interfering with the scenery or view from the road.

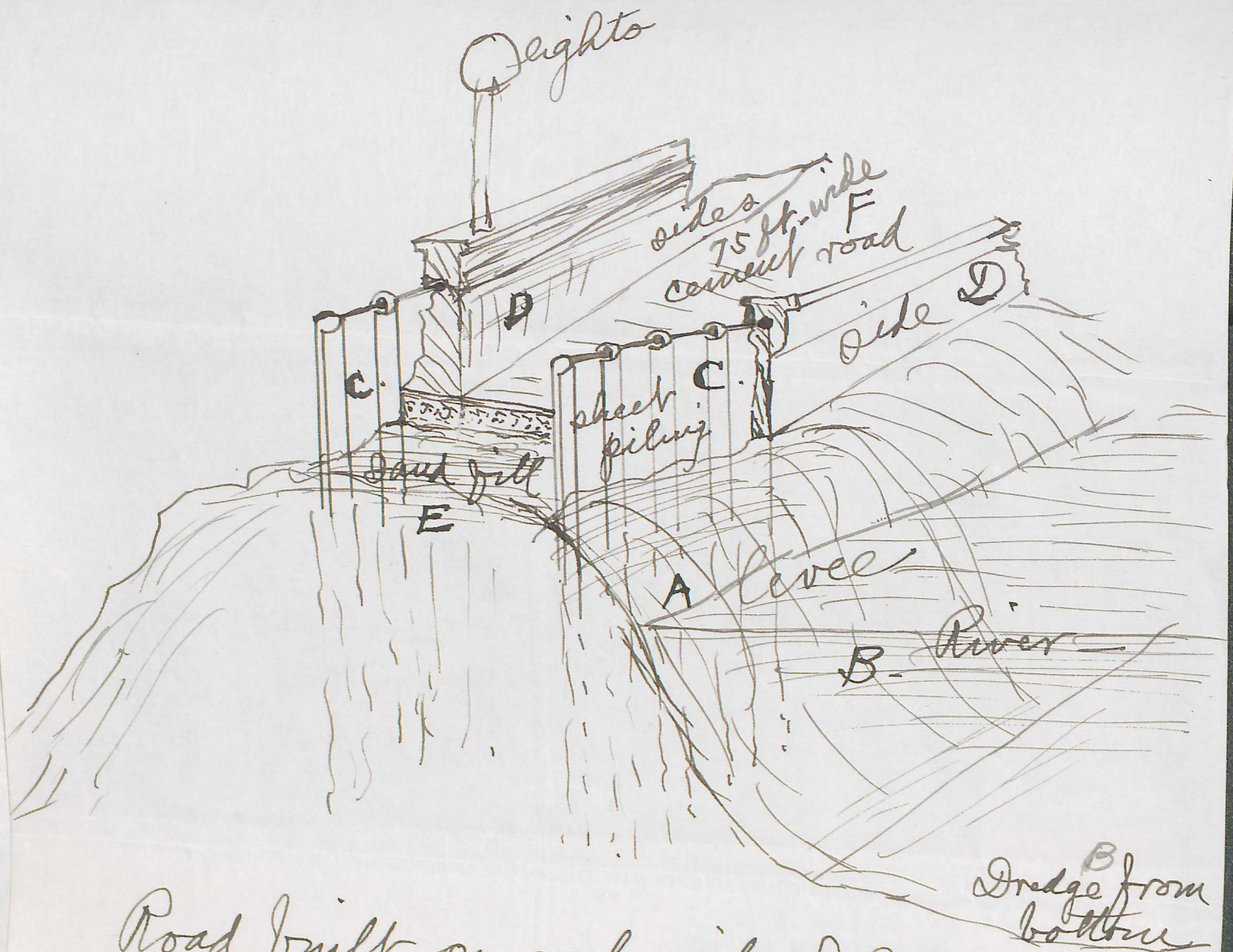
The cost of the road would be met by appropriations from Federal, States and communities through which the road passes all of which would benefit by flood control, unbreakable levees and the increased business and values the roads would bring.

The roads would be built in the North during the Summer and all the year around in the South. They would furnish <sup>work</sup> for many thousands of men in construction and many more thousands of people to make and supply the materials needed. They would increase the business permanently in every city, town or hamlet through which they would pass and for miles on each side, thus opening new and valuable, taxable territory and it would bring prosperity and work for thousands in steel mills, dredges, pile drivers, cement mills, road builders, electric manufacturers and laborers.

H. L. Bowdoin.

1116 Munsey Bldg,  
Baltimore, Md.

Road built on each side  
from North to South -  
and carried up banks of side streams  
and to form storage basins -  
with a main conduit through road  
to be used for power and/or irrigation



Road built on each side of Mississippi from North to South - Prevent overflowing and carried up banks of side streams and to form storage basins - Bridges over side streams continues through road with possible short detours for available sites - See specifications -

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FEDERAL EMERGENCY ADMINISTRATOR  
OF PUBLIC WORKS  
WASHINGTON

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March 18, 1935.

Mr. Rudolph Forster,  
Executive Clerk,  
The White House.

My dear Mr. Forster:

In January you forwarded to Secretary Ickes a letter from H. L. Bowdoin of Whitestone, New York written to the President in behalf of his son, Laurence Bowdoin. The letter was received and an application blank was immediately sent to Mr. Laurence Bowdoin at 3921 Greenmount Avenue, Baltimore, Maryland, so that we might have a record of his experience in some detail to aid in considering him for some suitable position. A lookout was kept for it and when no response had been received after a reasonable length of time, a second letter was sent to him on February 14 enclosing another blank in case the first had gone astray. No response has been received to either letter, which would indicate that the young man either is not interested in a position at this time or has moved from the address given, though I doubt the latter because a copy of the first letter to him was sent to his father at 149-31 19th Avenue, Whitestone, New York.

The papers are herewith returned as requested. If there is anything further you wish us to do, I will be glad to follow it up.

Sincerely yours,

*E. K. Burlew*  
E. K. Burlew,  
For the Administrator.

Enclosure.

January 17, 1935

P.P.S.

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My dear Mr. Secretary:

Will you be good enough to read the enclosed pencil memorandum from Miss LeHand and the accompanying papers and have someone personally look into the matter to see if the young man might not be used to advantage in connection with the work of the Public Works Administration?

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Please advise the President with the return of these papers.

Sincerely yours,

B. F.

The Honorable,  
The Secretary of the Interior,  
Washington, D. C.

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Enclosures

Let from Mr. H. L. Bowdoin, # sending his 2 ideas under separate cover, calling attention to qualifications of his son, Laurence Bowdoin, which he sent to Miss LeHand; they were forwarded for cons of the Sec. of Agri. with let. from Miss LeHand; son has mechanical and electrical experience; had chemistry at Johns Hopkins and entomology; specialist in chrysomelidae, farm pests, etc. Ideas Mr. H.L. Bowdoin submits re flood control and storage basins for the Mississippi River. Mr. Bowdoin's address is 1116 Munsey Bldg., Baltimore, Md.

(Our whole file accompanied the above)

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See 737, for President's letter to Duncan  
G. Harris re salvage of safes  
of S. S. MERIDA, and picture of  
Bowdoin and diving suit.