

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

May 26, 1979

*Kathy Fletcher*  
*New Melones*

Dear Jerry:

We have received your telegram to the President concerning the New Melones Reservoir and Mr. DuBois' protest.

As I am sure you know by now, the Corps of Engineers voluntarily halted the filling last Monday of the New Melones Reservoir below Mr. Dubois's location. The Corps has made a commitment in writing to keep the level of the reservoir at, or below, Parrot's Ferry, as requested in your telegram. After the turbines are tested, the reservoir will be turned over to the Bureau of Reclamation for operation. The historical preservation work will be completed.

In the long-term, if the reservoir is to be operated at less than complete filling, the Congress will need to clarify the authorization for the project.

Sincerely,

*Jack*

Jack H. Watson, Jr.

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