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MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

The undersigned have carefully considered the complex problems of water resources development in Alaska, the Columbia River Basin and the Missouri River Basin, and have concluded that a division of responsibility between the Department of the Interior and the Department of the Army is both necessary and desirable. The division of responsibility agreed to is intended to assure the most effective utilization of the capabilities of the two departments in the planning, construction and operation of water resources projects, and these agreements will serve as a basis for administration recommendations for water resources development in these areas.

1. Alaska

It is agreed that, because of its long standing interest in all natural resources development matters in Alaska, the Department of the Interior shall provide leadership in undertaking comprehensive studies for natural resources development in Alaska, including water and power development. Consistent with its responsibility for marketing of power produced at Federal hydroelectric projects, it is also agreed that the Department of the Interior shall be responsible for the operation and maintenance of completed hydroelectric power projects in Alaska.

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It is agreed that, because it must maintain an organization engaged in civil and military planning and construction in Alaska, the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers shall have responsibility for engineering design and construction of all water resources projects, including hydroelectric power projects, in Alaska. It is also agreed that the Corps shall continue its studies of the Rampart Canyon Project and shall complete its report.

It is agreed that the Department of the Interior shall make the necessary power marketing studies in connection with the Rampart Dam Project and shall initiate, in cooperation with the State of Alaska and interested Federal agencies, broad comprehensive studies of the effect of this project on all natural resources. This study shall be completed prior to any recommendations for authorization of the Rampart Dam Project. The Department of the Interior shall also report as soon as possible on markets for power to be generated at any other major hydroelectric project in Alaska recommended for authorization.

This agreement will avoid the establishment of a duplicate construction organization in the State of Alaska and, at the same time, it will stimulate the broadest participation in comprehensive water resources planning.

2. Recommendations of the Chief of Engineers on the Review Report on Columbia River and Tributaries.

It is agreed that the projects proposed for authorization in the report of the Chief of Engineers dated March 31, 1961, on Columbia River and

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purpose reservoir development on the main stem of the Missouri River between Fort Peck and Fort Benton, Montana. It is also agreed that, except for single purpose flood protection problems, planning and construction of multiple purpose water resources development of the James River and the tributaries of the Missouri River above Gavins Point shall be the responsibility of the Bureau of Reclamation.

/S/ STEWART L. UDALL
Secretary of the Interior

/S/ EDWARD V. STAHR, JR.
Secretary of the Army

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