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Mike Huckabee
Governor

August 31, 2001

Brigadier General Edwin J. Arnold, Jr.
Commander, Mississippi Valley Division
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
P.O. Box 80
Vicksburg, MS 39181

Dear General Arnold:

Thank you for your letter concerning Congress' authorization for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to conduct a Lower Mississippi River Resource Assessment (LMRRA) in cooperation with the Secretary of the Interior and the states of Arkansas, Illinois, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri and Tennessee.

This assessment will be a valuable tool to aid Arkansas in the development and management of economic and recreational opportunities along the Mississippi River, and my administration looks forward to cooperating with the Corps and with the other states in implementing it. While I support this study, given the national importance of the river and the multi-agency scope of this project, I would prefer that the funding for the feasibility phase be modified from a 50/50 cost share basis to 100% federal funding.

Thanks again for giving me the opportunity to share my views regarding LMRRA. If I may further assist you, please do not hesitate to contact me or my representatives for this project, Craig Uyeda, Chief of River Basins & Governmental Relations Division, Arkansas Game & Fish Commission at (501) 219-4311 or Jim Wise, Coordinator Section Manager of the Water Quality Planning Branch Division, Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality at (501) 682-0662.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mike Huckabee".

Mike Huckabee

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cc: Craig Uyeda, Chief of River Basins & Governmental Relations Division, AGFC
Mike Armstrong, Assistant Chief of Fisheries Division, AGFC
Jim Wise, Coordinador Section Manager, Water Quality Planning Branch Div., ADEQ