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August 16, 1983

REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF:
Economics Branch

The Honorable Johnny S. Joannou
Virginia House of Delegates
Post Office Box 1064
Portsmouth, Virginia 23705

Dear Mr. Joannou:

I am glad to respond to the telephone request by Ms. Renee Futrell of your office to provide you with a status report on Bennett Creek, Suffolk, Virginia.

In correspondence dated July 11, 1983, Mr. John Rowe, Suffolk City Manager, requested the Corps of Engineers to conduct a study to determine the feasibility of alleviating navigational problems in Bennett Creek. In response to this request, my staff has initiated an investigation of the problem under Section 107 of the 1960 River and Harbor Act, as amended.

Investigations are conducted in two stages. The first stage will be a reconnaissance study to determine the preliminary feasibility of a project. The reconnaissance study is scheduled for completion in October 1983. Should the reconnaissance report be favorable, the second stage will be the preparation of a Detailed Project Report during which thorough studies of project feasibility and economic justification will be made. If the project is economically justified two to four years can be expected to elapse between initiation of the study and commencement of construction. These studies will be fully coordinated with the city of Suffolk, and you will be advised of the progress. Please call me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Ronald E. Hudson", is written over a horizontal line.

Ronald E. Hudson
Colonel, Corps of Engineers
District Engineer