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Dear Mr. Tuthill: *Dave*

I received your letter dated Dec.8-93, on Dec.21-93. I've made several attempts to answer it but have discarded them and started over.

Mary Blackstock's charge against me to your office, and to the Owyhee Sherriff's office are totally in error. I didn't cut the chain on the gate house door at my Sinker Creek dam, neither did my mechanic who was at the control house when Mary got there.

On Nov.11-93, my Engineer (Mr. Meyers) and myself were at the dam inspecting it for the best way to enlarge the spillway pertaining to his contact with Dam Safety personel of IDWR. The door to the gatehouse was not secured by the chain on that date. It was hanging in an unsecured position and wrapped around the door knob.

I had no contact with Mary about her having any authority or control of the gatehouse pertaining to the letter I received from Mr. Hollingshead of Dam Safety section on Oct.30-93. I had planned to close the Headgate on Monday Nov. 1st, I didn't because of the letter from Mr. Hollingshead. When Mary informed me that she had turned all water to the creek I considered her control to be finished.

The violation you identify against me is in error and of grave concern to me. It seems the Watermaster and IDWR are partial in their contolling the water of Sinker Creek. Anything I do or don't do seems to be looked upon as a possible means to incriminate me yet IDWR views Nettletons actions as being OK even when they take stored water.

I have people who are creditable witnesses to Nettletons taking more than their allocated water in three separate instances in September. I made a complaint about this misuse of water and turned it over to Water Resource in August. The problem has not ben solved and the Nettletons will continue taking more than their allocated water until someone stops them.

Sincerely,

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