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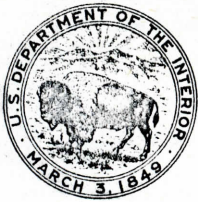
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UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

June 5, 1958

Dear Mr. Engle:

Reports have been requested from this Department on H. R. 10445 and H. R. 10485, bills "To change the name of the reservoir above Garrison Dam and known as Garrison Reservoir or Garrison Lake to Lake Sakakawea."

Garrison Dam and its reservoir are now generally known by their present name. In our opinion, it is generally not in the public interest to change names which are established with the public unless they are unsatisfactory as names or there are other compelling reasons. In addition, the Board on Geographic Names has approved use of another spelling of the proposed name for features elsewhere. For these reasons we do not recommend enactment of either of these bills. The Board on Geographic Names concurs in this view.

The Bureau of the Budget has advised that there would be no objection to the submission of this report to your Committee.

Sincerely yours,

Assistant Secretary of the Interior

Hon. Clair Engle, Chairman
Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs
House of Representatives
Washington 25, D. C.