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Honorable Farris Bryant
Governor-Elect of Florida
Ocala, Florida

Dear Mr. Bryant:

I have noticed in recent quotations from the newspapers that you have plans for coordinating all of the water-development, data-collecting and water-control agencies under one central department. You are undoubtedly familiar with the law that created the Water Resources Department, which was given the authority to coordinate water resources activities and was charged with the control and management of these. The Water Resources Department's authority to control water was deliberately separated by the 1959 Legislature from the water-data development agencies. There is much merit in including all of these departments in one agency, but perhaps more merit can be developed for keeping the data-collecting agencies separate from the water control and management agencies. You, as a lawyer, will immediately recognize the advantage of having unbiased data made available to both the water-control people and to the citizens affected by this control. In either respect, this department is anxious to work with you and your advisers to develop a program of wise water conservation and use.

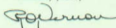
The Florida Geological Survey has been collecting data on water resources since its origin in 1907, and I am pleased to send to you a copy of our list of publications, in which these studies are itemized. I am attaching to this letter a summary of the current and proposed work in the water resources field, which is carried out with the Florida Geological Survey, cooperating as principal contracting agency with the U. S. Geological Survey. We were unable to initiate the rather comprehensive water study which we had planned to enter in 1959, but the plan, which is attached to this letter, is to be presented to the 1961 Legislature, and I hope that you will help us secure the funds required to make these studies. I would appreciate the opportunity of discussing the State's water resources program with you at your convenience.

Under separate cover, I am sending to you a copy of the Florida Geological Survey's Thirteenth Biennial Report, and you will note by referring to pages 1-3 that much of the work performed by the Survey is in the finding

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and promoting of the development of our mineral resources. A rough draft of a recent paper on the development of mineral resources in 1959, which is to be published by the U. S. Bureau of Mines, will summarize the developments in this field, a large part of which was based on work performed by the Florida Geological Survey. I know that this department is making an important contribution to the development of Florida, and I look forward with pleasure to the opportunity of working with you in your new administration.

Cordially yours,



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