

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

May 10, 1954



MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD:

SUBJECT: Meeting between the President and Senators Watkins and Bennett and Representative Dawson of Utah (Representative Stringfellow could not attend).

Senator Watkins presented the President with a portion of the rail that was used to join the East and West portions of the first transcontinental railroad. The President expressed his appreciation.

The President brought up the question of the Echo Park Dam, and stated that Mr. Herbert Hoover had said that this dam could not be justified from an engineering standpoint. The President also reported Mr. Hoover as favoring the Glen Canyon Dam. The President suggested to Senator Watkins that the Senator get in touch with Mr. Hoover and Ben Morrell so that a conflict of opinion within Republican circles on this project might be avoided. Senator Watkins thanked the President for bringing up this matter of the Echo Park project, and stated that he would get in touch with Ben Morrell and Mr. Hoover immediately.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "GDM".

Gerald D. Morgan