derived. The projects of each of these agencies are concerned with recreation, fish and wildlife, water supply, water quality control, and other aspects of water resource development. This is also healthy competition that provides a defense against arbitrary decisions, precludes domination by a single agency, and provides for a more balanced development of all water-related natural measures have been taken to treat the polluting wastes at the source. Despite testimony to the contrary, there are indications that Federal recreation and fish and wildlife agencies are having to gloss over the adverse effects in North Carolina and Virginia to support the position of the Secretary of Interior in order that he might make a relatively minor improvement to the highly polluted water in West Virginia.

Governor Moore has just announced his views that the State's Department of Conservation and Development, which is concerned with natural resources, be split into three new and separate agencies in order that maximum potential development may be attained. I consider that this principle is as applicable to Federal

programs as to those of the State of North Carolina.

I will appreciate your support in opposing the Moss Bill (S. 886) and would also appreciate your informing me of the schedule for the public hearings in opposition to this bill.

Sincerely.

GEORGE E. PICKETT.

NOVEMBER 20, 1967.

Hon. SAM J. ERVIN, U.S. Senate, Washington, D.C.

DEAR SAM: Many thanks for your recent letter.

I will be pleased to make the letter from the Director of the Department of Water and Air Resources of the State of North Carolina, a part of the printed record of the Subcommittee's hearings on S. 886.

I have also placed Colonel Pickett's name on our mailing list.

With every good wish, public hearings in opposition to the bill.

I understand that several days of hearings were held early in October on the proposal and I do not know whether the Government Operations Subcommittee on Executive Reorganization has scheduled any further hearings. I have called your statement and request to the attention of Senator Abraham A. Ribicoff, who is chairman of the subcommittee, and when I hear from him I will be in touch with you again.

Meanwhile, with all best regards,

Sincerely,

B. EVERETT JORDAN, U.S. Senator.