

STATEMENT OF SAMMIE F. LEE, DIRECTOR OF WORKS, JEFFERSON COUNTY, KY., IN
SUPPORT OF THE SOUTHWEST JEFFERSON COUNTY, KY., LOCAL PROTECTION PROJ-
ECT, JUNE 14, 1968

Mr. Chairman and members of the subcommittee, my name is Sammie F. Lee of Louisville, Kentucky. I am Director of Works and County Engineer for Jefferson County, Kentucky, and in that position am responsible for various public works activities as directed by the Fiscal Court. I am also a member of the Louisville-Jefferson County Planning Commission by virtue of my position and therefore am directly involved in planning and development of the community.

After the devastating flood of March 1964, I met with members of the staff of this Committee as well as some Committee members to relate the changes which had taken place since construction of initial flood protection for Louisville, Kentucky, and the need for additional flood protection. This was illustrated by aerial photos taken during the flood and preliminary statistics to indicate the magnitude of damage. I have been extremely gratified by the progress with which this project has moved ahead since that time to the present stage of consideration of funds to be included in the 1968 Omnibus Rivers and Harbors and Flood Control Bill.

The healthy economy of our metropolitan area has provided rapid development of this area since the end of World War II which is vividly described in the Comprehensive Report on this project by the Corps of Engineers. The outlook for the area is bright from reports made for the Planning Commission, Riverport Authority, Riverfront Commission, and as described in the attached statement from the Louisville Chamber of Commerce, which I have been asked to file with the Subcommittee. To provide for the continued rapid growth, the southwestern portion of Jefferson County will play a key role, both in residential development to provide homes for the increased population, as well as industrial development which is proposed by the Riverport Authority.

The present population, which would be effected by a 1937 level flood, is estimated to be approximately 60,000 persons and they need protection in order to maintain the stable conditions of that residential area. The report of the Corps of Engineers indicates a very favorable cost benefit ratio with the added incentive of providing additional recreational facilities with cooperation from local government.

County government has indicated regularly its deep interest in this project and its desire to assume local responsibility required. To reiterate this position. I have been asked to present the attached statement from County Judge Marlow W. Cook which describes the attitude of Fiscal Court and encourages this project to move ahead as rapidly as possible.

I appreciate the opportunity to present this statement and to respectfully request the authorization of the Southwestern Jefferson County Local Protection Project this year so that it may move ahead toward completion at an early date.

STATEMENT OF LOUISVILLE AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE SUPPORTING PROPOSAL
FOR FLOODWALL EXTENSION AND DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS IN SOUTHWESTERN
JEFFERSON COUNTY, LOUISVILLE, KY., TUESDAY, MAY 21, 1968

The Louisville Area Chamber of Commerce has repeatedly expressed concern over the need for improvements for flood control and evidence of this concern has been made manifest by the Chamber on many occasions through special studies, reports and recommendations emanating from various Chamber committees and the Board of Directors. Specifically, the Chamber in March of 1963 unanimously endorsed a proposal that the Corps of Engineers conduct a feasibility study relative to the southwesterly extension of the existing floodwall. In November, 1966 the Chamber again supported the project at a public hearing of the report of the feasibility study of the Corps of Engineers. Today the Chamber before the Subcommittee on Flood Control—Rivers and Harbors of the Senate Public Works Committee again urges favorable consideration of authorization of this project. Both the Industrial Promotion and Water, Sewers & Drainage Committees of the Chamber have closely reviewed the improvements under consideration and heartily endorse this vitally needed flood protection.

In the interest of the growth and development of the Louisville area, it is imperative that the floodwall protection be afforded not only to the 60,000 persons