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TO: JACK FRASER
FROM: BUREAU OF FISH CONSERVATION
SUBJECT: WRIGHTS LAKE, ELDORADO COUNTY

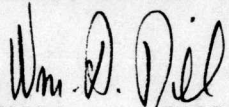
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On May 16 I talked to the Mt. Ralston Fish Planting Club on the subject of planting fish food in lakes. As soon as I have time I shall write you at greater length about this subject, and also return the material you sent me.

While at this meeting Mr. F. E. Brolliar spoke repeatedly and with some vehemence of the ~~inactivity~~^{advisability} of ceasing fish planting in Wrights Lake. He has heard that you had stopped stocking it, claiming that the lake was too shallow to support fish and that winter kill would result. He has also heard that this was on the basis of only a few soundings taken at the time of year when the lake was lowest. He and others spoke of Wrights Lake as one containing large numbers for at least 20 or 30 years and that it was absurd being unable to support fish. They also spoke of the fairly large size of the incoming stream and pointed out that this was another reason why large scale winter kill could not occur.

Not being at all acquainted with the lake, the best I could do was say that I would discuss the matter with you, that you were a very reasonable man, had to obtain information on hundreds of lakes, etc. However, he and a number of others seemed to feel that the matter should have been discussed with those members of the club who were familiar with the lake over a long period of years, that information on its suitability for fish was easily obtained, etc. The thought came to me that perhaps you had ceased stocking the lake because of good natural reproduction rather than because of presumed winter kill. At any rate it would be well to explain matters to members of the club.


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Jack: Water was spilling over Wrights
L. dam on day of survey - Aug 17, 1951 -
See "Fluctuation" on survey form.

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