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P. O. DRAWER 50 PORTLAND, OREGON

Sept. 21, 1905.

Hon. Harry Lane,
Mayor, City of Portland,
Portland, Oregon.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 20th instant, I would say that the Secretary of War establishes all regulations for the operation of draw bridges so far as navigation is concerned.

Complaints similar to those to which you refer were investigated by my predecessor several years ago and a large amount of information was collected by him. I will inform myself of the results of this investigation at my earliest opportunity and will then confer with you upon the subject in the hope of arriving at a solution which will minimize the evil complained of.

Very respectfully,



Major, Corps of Engineers, U.S.A.

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December 28, 1905.

Hon. Harry Lane,
Mayor, City of Portland,
Portland, Oregon.

Sir:

Written reply to your letter dated December 4th, requesting permission to drive dolphins at the Albina Ferry landings, has been delayed awaiting the opportunity of viewing this matter on the ground when the ferry is again in operation. The city harbor master has been requested to notify this office when this can be done, but as no word has been had from him it is assumed the ferry is still out of commission and hence no examination has been made.

In connection with this question of placing any obstruction to free navigation in the channel outside the harbor lines, I will state, however, at this time that, while I am desirous of cooperating with the city authorities in every way possible, it is very doubtful whether this office would feel justified, under any condition, in recommending to the Secretary of War for approval the driving of these dolphins, at least not without granting a full hearing to all navigation interests involved, which I am quite certain would bring forth a strong protest from the dock owners and navigators generally.

The map accompanying your application should show on one sheet the relative location of the ferry landings on each side of the river and the docks adjacent above and below these landings.

In the event that you desire to renew the request, please submit such a map on tracing cloth and this office will make the investigation and give public hearing, as above outlined.

Yours very respectfully,

S. W. Rausler

Major, Corps of Engineers, U.S.A.