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Dear Mike,

Thank you for taking the time to speak to me on June the 7th. I also spoke to Mr. Olds as I related to you in our phone call. Both conversations were very helpful as I have tried to understand this issue.

As you know Jim Garside and Evan Johnson have contacted me requesting that I contact you to find out why area 57 has yet to be adjudicated since it has been ordered by the Third District Court twice in 1972 and 1943. In response to the question Mr. Olds stated that his recourses were currently assigned to other areas working on adjudication of water rights and may not be free for sometime and that this issue had been a difficult one long before he was the Division Director. He did state that area 57 did need to be adjudicated though and might be able to start within a few years and that it could be finished in 5-10 years.

It was also intimated that Mr. Garside and Mr. Johnson have a profit motive as well as other builder/developers would have similar self serving interests and that those interests are the primary motivating factors for having area 57 adjudicated.

After having those brief explanations and weighing the matter I have come to some preliminary conclusions.

1st while I understand that there is no shortage of work for the Division of Water Rights it may be wise to prioritize those areas that are currently under a court order for adjudication before those that are not. If I understand correctly there are no other areas under court order for adjudication. Our state resources should be prioritized by largest impact for the State of Utah and those areas with the most pressing legal concerns like a court order.

As to the profit motives of the before mentioned parties I would have to say that I am grateful for those interests. Profit motives like those are nothing but good and beneficial

