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VIA FACSIMILE

Dear Carol:

Thank you for your August 1, 2008, letter following up on our discussion of tri-state funding for a National Research Council (NRC) study for the Apalachicola-Chattahoochee-Flint (ACF) river system. While I am supportive of the study, I truly believe that the far better alternative and opportunity is for the Corps to implement the NRC study. The Corps has the means to do so. The long-term Water Control Plan and related manuals that are required of the Corps must be based on solid scientific information for the long-term management of the system. So with that understanding from Florida, I am open to participate in a collective meeting and ask that the Corps be included.

Sincerely,

Michael W. Sole
Secretary

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