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It should not be assumed that the Administration can, in effect, ignore the national need, ignore the Mid-West, ignore the Chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee, and expect us of the Mid-West and of the Committee to cooperate completely on projects the White House desires.

I speak candidly, Governor -- cooperation is a two-way street. The Mid-West's patience is not inexhaustible.

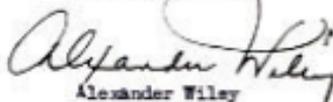
I hope, therefore, that the White House will not simply and passively "ask" the reactions of the leaders of both Houses. I respectfully hope the White House will state that while it trusts the leaders will support it, it intends to request the Seaway, whether or not, they are unanimously in favor of it, and it intends uniformity in all of the agencies favorable reactions.

Early next week, I should like to have the opportunity of seeing the President personally, in conjunction with Chairman Dondero of the House Public Works Committee and Dr. N. R. Danielian of the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence Association.

Again, I thank you for your courtesy and for your consideration of these frank, straight-from-the-shoulder views.

With kindest regards and assurances of high esteem for yourself and for the great American whom we are both privileged to serve, I am

Sincerely yours,


Alexander Wiley

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