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Mr. Howard Gieselman, Chairman
Des Moines, County District Commissioners
Burlington, Iowa

Dear Mr. Gieselman:

I am very happy to have your report on the activities of the Des Moines County Soil Conservation District during the year of 1951.

Of particular interest is the statement about the joint plan of operations developed with the County PMA Committee. We in the Service have felt that it is of the greatest importance that district commissioners do this with the local PMA Committees and in fact take the initiative in doing so since the soil conservation job can only rightly be regarded as a single objective, and since the district is the most logical and best situated agency to coordinate the soil conservation activities within a county, its position of leadership should be unquestioned.

Your progress in working with the Conservation Commission in the watershed draining into the large artificial lake in Geode State Park is very fine. We have observed that where such activities are carried along as a normal part of the district's programs much better progress is made than where conservation work on the watershed area is given a special emphasis and thus thrown out of proportion with the program in the other parts of the district.

We appreciate your report on the district's progress and you may rest assured of continued assistance and support from the Soil Conservation Service.

Very truly yours,

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