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Restoration Task Force
Florida International University
OE Building Room 148
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Dear Madam Chair:

Thank you for conveying to me the request of the Combined Structural and Operating Plan (CSOP) Advisory Team that the Army Corps of Engineers withhold development of further alternative plans until additional information and assessments are provided by the Advisory Team.

I concur in your view that it is important to maintain schedules, and appreciate your efforts and that of the Task Force to ensure that the implementation of the CSOP will not be delayed by this request to acquire additional information before additional elements of alternative plans are developed.

Please be assured that the Department of the Army appreciates the good work of the CSOP Advisory Team and the Task Force, and know that the Corps of Engineers is pleased to comply with the requested action.

The Corps has assured me that if the work of the team is successful in helping reach a consensus among the various interest groups, then the additional time needed now can be accommodated with minimal impact to the schedule.

Very Truly Yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Paul Woodley, Jr.", written over a horizontal line.

John Paul Woodley, Jr.
Assistant Secretary of the Army
(Civil Works)