

Correspondence: To Congressman Flood, Dan, 1972 October 15th

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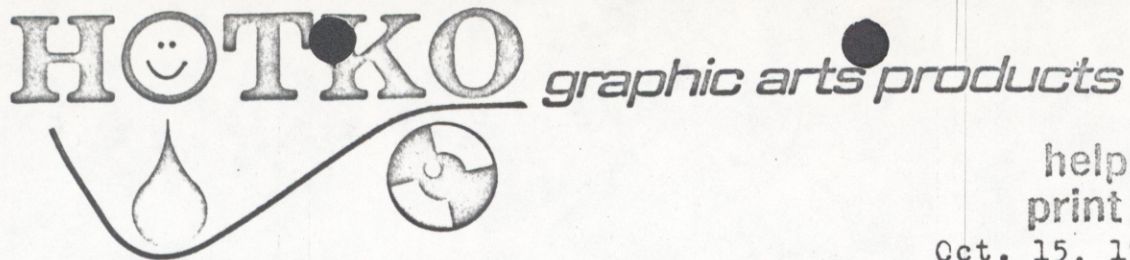
Sir:

Please find enclosed a copy
of my letter sent to Mr. Don
Flood for your erudition and
consideration.

Sincerely

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The Honorable Daniel J. Flood
Member of Congress
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Please be advised that there exists a system that, with the proper modification, could act as a secondary dike and would prevent the flooding of most of Kingston Borough if the river breached the dike.

I call your attention to the Wilkes Barre Connecting Railroad embankment. This embankment runs parallel with the Susquehanna River at the Borough (Map enclosed). As you know this embankment has withstood the ravages of at least three floods. For a flood proof system all that is required is the construction of flood gates at the northern end of the embankment and on the bridges at Pierce, Market and Northampton Streets. At the southern end of the road the present dike intersects the embankment and continues on to Route 11. As you know this short section of the dike was breached by the river in 1940 and 1972. Had this section been previously raised to the level of the railroad embankment, about five feet, Kingston would have been spared much damage. The railroad embankment may need additional erosion proof material although much of its face is concrete and its past history is that of strenght.

Your consideration of this idea and indulgence in its feasibility will be appreciated by this writer and, I am sure, the residents of Kingston.

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