November 15, 1934.

GIVE THIS TO PRESIDENT SATURDAY AFTERNOON
TO HAND TO CONGRESSMAN RANKIN WHO WILL
BE ON THE TRAIN.
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

October 8, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR
CHAIRMAN MORGAN - TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY

Congressman Rankin wants to know if we can start to clear the ground for the Pickwick Dam. He wants the Dam to go at Cocks Landing which he says is better than Pickwick Landing, as the Dam would be only two-thirds as long. What can I tell him?

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The President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. President:

In reply to your memorandum requesting information for Congressman Rankin on the possibility of starting to clear the ground for the Pickwick Dam, may I say that we think the dam should be at Pickwick Landing rather than at Cooks Landing. The disadvantages of the Cooks Landing site may briefly be stated as follows:

1. An additional lockage for navigation and the corresponding added operating expense.

2. The loss of six feet of power head for the entire Tennessee River flow at this point.

3. The Pickwick reservoir has much greater storage possibilities for flow regulation.

4. The production of primary power at Cooks Landing would cost nine per cent more than at Pickwick.

Respectfully submitted,

TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY

Arthur E. Morgan
Chairman of the Board