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Alex MacArthur
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Dear Alex,

As per our conversation of this A.M., I would like to set forth the following.

During the early months of 1971, the McHenry County Planning Commission authorized its staff to make a study of the proposed Fox Valley Freeway as it traversed McHenry County. This was the alignment proposed by the State Highway authorities. Our staff studied the Highway men's alignment, found a number of what we considered deficiencies in it, we then made recommendations for an alternative alignment. A presentation of the revised alignment was made to both the Commission and the highway men at their Elgin office.

The highway people would hear of no other alignment other than the one they had designated. Meanwhile, the proposed alignment had caused such a public outcry against the highway, the head of the Illinois Department of Transportation met with the County Board Chairman and then announced that there was to be no expressway in McHenry County and that the Fox Valley Freeway would stop in the Elgin area.

Since that time we have heard rumors that the state highway people are trying to get the alignment established as a Tollway and the N.I.P.C. people have indicated something on one of their plans which suggests that they and C.A.T.S. are pushing it, but the highway people have said nothing to our staff or Commission about it.

Regards,



John R. Quay
Director