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REPORT BY LIPPINCOTT, Engineering Offices, Los Angeles, Ca.

To the Directors of the Edison Electric Company,

Gentlemen:

I received instructions from Mr. H. H. Stachly, General Manager of
Colorado River Reconnaissance Report

names below, and make a preliminary report based upon the reconnaissance, both
as to the physical feasibility of generating electric power by the water of the
Colorado River and of selling said power to the mining districts bordering the
river, mostly in Mojave County
by
J. B. Lippincott

I left Los Angeles on this trip on October 6 last (1902), meeting Mr.
E. J. McPherson [sic], a Civil Engineer, whom I believe is presenting this
proposition to your company, at **1902** Arizona. At Chloride Mr. S. W.
Algermes [sic] employed the boatman to assist us on the trip down the River,
which [sic] extended from [map and photographs missing] the Needles, from which
point I returned to Los Angeles, reaching this latter place on October 16th.

It will be emphasized that a report based upon an investigation,
both of the mining districts and of the river, covering such a large area and such
brief time must necessarily be considered preliminary. While the suggestions
offered here are correct to the best of my knowledge and belief, certainly no
extensive contacts should be entered into without a detailed survey of the dam
sites in question, including soundings for the determination of bed rock and of
the general value of the mining properties to which it is proposed that you should
conduct the power.

The following account is largely in the form of a memorandum
compiled during the trip. I have deferred preparing estimates on the cost of this
work until you have seen this statement and pronounced a request either that they
should be prepared or that the investigation should be discontinued.

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