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## Letter from Representative Burdick to Garmann Jorgenson Regarding Indian Welfare Funds, July 11, 1949

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July 11, 1919

Mr. Garmann Jorgenson, Exec. Sec'y.  
Rollotte County Welfare Board  
Rolla, N. Dak.

Dear Mr. Jorgenson,

This will acknowledge receipt of your wire of the 9th in reference to the funds needed for Indian welfare purposes in this coming fiscal year.

Evidently my wire was not explicit enough to give you the correct picture of the situation here. All appropriation measures originate in the House. The appropriation for the Interior Department when passed by the House contained an item of \$500,000 for Indian welfare funds.

The Senate in the meantime, becoming alarmed over mounting costs and decreasing tax collections, decided that cuts were required in many items, and picked this item as one to take a healthy bite out of.

As soon as your original wire arrived, I called our Senators and told them how important it was, in my opinion, that this money be allowed in a sufficient amount so that the hardships of the last years will not be repeated. They, of course, are aware of the danger, and assured me they will do what they can to see that an adequate amount is provided.

The bill has not as yet been reported from the Senate committee, so I do not know the final figure on this item. If too low, there is still an opportunity to increase the amount in conference.

I assure you I am doing, and will continue to do, everything possible to see that this appropriation contains enough money, so that the Indians of the country will not suffer again the hardships they went through last winter.

Yours very truly,

Usher L. Burdick, n.c.