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Mr. John O. Hjelle, Editor,
Bismarck Tribune,
Bismarck, North Dakota.

Dear Mr. Hjelle:

This is with reference to your telegram concerning re-organization within the Indian Service and selection of one district office to serve both North and South Dakota.

The Indian Bureau tells me that the latest available statistics they have, which are for 1945, lists only 12,863 Indians in North Dakota and 30,745 in South Dakota.

Since Aberdeen is close to the North Dakota border, and South Dakota has more than twice as many Indian residents, I cannot find much justification in supporting placement of the district office at Bismarck.

However, if you have some further facts to support the selection of Bismarck for the office, I shall be very happy to hear from you.

Sincerely yours,

Usher L. Burdick, n.c.