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January 17, 1949

Mr. Martin Cross  
ElLOWood, North Dakota

Dear Mr. Cross:

The report given out by the members of the Tribal Council did not set forth my full views. I stated to them, that, since they were the duly-elected members of the Council, I as a Member of Congress would recognize their authority; but I did not say that I would not hear any other Indians. Far from it, I will hear from any Indian and do what I can to have him heard before committees and elsewhere. To do otherwise would be to shut out the minority of the Indians on your reservation, and the principal purpose of our form of government is to protect the minority.

Sincerely yours,

Usher L. Burdick, m.c.