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July 30, 1951

Mr. D.S. Meyer
Commissioner
Bureau of Indian Affairs
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Meyer:

Mrs. Flora Dawson of Sanish, North Dakota, has written me in regard to some land she owns at Sanish, North Dakota. She will have to vacate the land when the Garrison Dam is built. She acquired title to it through the will of her husband, James E. Dawson, who died a few years ago. Dawson as an enrolled member of the ~~Three~~ Affiliated Tribes.

Mrs. Dawson wants to sell this land to the Indian Affairs Bureau, rather than to the Army Engineers. Since her husband was an Indian and 160 acres of the land was allotted to him and he bought another 184 acres later, can she succeed to his rights and sell the land to the Indian Bureau? She, herself, is not an Indian.

I shall appreciate any information you can give me on this situation, and should like to have a reply at your early convenience.

Very truly yours,

Usher L. Burdick, M. C.