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February 13, 1952.

Dr. Russell O. Saxvilt,
State Health Officer,
Bismarck, North Dakota.

Dear Dr. Saxvilt:

This acknowledges your letter of February 5 concerning the official resolution by the North Dakota Indian Affairs Commission on the transfer of the Indian Bureau hospitals to the U. S. Public Health Service, a copy of which was enclosed.

I am in favor of any program that will serve the best interests of the Indians and which will work toward their assimilation into the community life of the Whites.

As you know I have been deeply interested for many years in the welfare of the Indians and will support any move or legislation which will improve conditions for them, be it their health, income or freedom from supervision of the Indian Bureau and make them self-sustaining, self-respecting and respected members of the communities in which they live.

Very truly yours,

Usher L. Burdick, M. C.