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Williston, North Dakota

October 8, 1935

Mrs. Emma Adams Oberon, North Dakota

Dear Koda:

In the summer of 1931 my father, Usher L. Burdick, left many bunches of beads and pieces of buckskin with you so that you could make a beaded vest for him. Also, he sent you beads by mail in the Fall of 1931 in order that you could finish the vest properly. All of this happened four (4) years ago. WANYETT TOPA.

I know that you have had a hard time during the last few years, but still you must have had time enough in four years to finish the vest.

My father has always been fair with the Indians and he always will be fair with them. The Indians should be fair with him. He gave you many dollars worth of beads and buckskin for making the vest but still you have not made it for him. Do you think that is being fair with him?? I think that you are honest and intend to be fair. I wish you would show him that you are fair with him. He will appreciate it very much and in return he will do good things for you. My name is Eugene A. Burdick (Takan) and my address is Box 833. Williston, North Dakota. Write me here and tell me what you intend to do. If you have the vest finished send it to me here and I shall give it to my father when he comes here soon.

Write Soon .

Nita Koda,

Eugene A. Burdick