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Chairman, Tribal Council

THREE AFFILIATED TRIBES

Fort Berthold Reservation

ELBOWOODS, NORTH DAKOTA

January 23, 1951

Hon. Usher L. Burdick
U. S. House Office Building
Washington, D. C.

Dear Usher:

In this letter I want to list a few of the things that I as Chairman of the Tribal Council wish to bring to your attention for study.

1. Sam Matthews and I are planning on coming down to Washington to see about filing of some of our old claims of the Tribes against the U. S. Government.

2. We wish to come down and see about the controversy which has arisen between our Attorney James E. Curry and the Commissioner of the Indian Affairs.

3. To see what is in prospect for us regarding future welfare of the Three Affiliated Tribes after we are kicked out of here.

4. To settle the question of payment of \$7,500.00 as provided for in the Section 12 of the Public Law 437.

5. Get Congressional approval that the Tribes do not have to pay for lands and improvements owned by non-members of the Three Affiliated Tribes, whether they be white persons or persons of Indian blood in the Taking Area.

6. Try to get pensions for War Widows and orphans of the Indian Veterans of both World Wars I and II.

Of course I do not expect to get all these matters under way but I hope that you will advise us as to what you feel best.

Sincerely I am,



Martin Cross