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Burdick

May 3, 1951

Mr. Martin Cross
Chairman, Tribal Council
Three Affiliated Tribes
Elbowoods, North Dakota

Dear Mr. Cross:

This acknowledges your letter of April 25, with reference to the effect a division of the funds received as compensation for lands under the Garrison Dam project would have.

I have carefully read the copy of the resolution you enclosed.

In a conversation with one of the officials at the Indian Bureau, I was told that there would be no lessening or restrictions of the services rendered by the Indian Affairs Department to those Indians participating in this plan. Instead, such facilities and assistance would, in all probability be intensified and additional efforts made to help in working out any problems which might arise under the plan as set forth in the resolution. He said that the Commissioner is working out a statement in regard to the situation and would send me a copy when it is completed. As soon as it is received, I will write you again and let you know what I think of it.

If there is anything else I can do for you here, please let me know. I am glad to be of assistance at all times.

Very truly yours,

Usher L. Burdick, M. C.