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## Letter from US Congressman William Lemke to Governor Langer Regarding Building of Check Dams, "Mexican Property," 1933

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**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**  
**Washington, D.C.**

May 10th, 1933.

Hon. William Langer,  
Governor,  
Bismarck, North Dakota.

Dear Governor:

We saw the President the other day, and I am satisfied that we can put in a number of check dams for impounding water for lakes, provided we can get located so we can establish 200-men camps. That is, get enough dams within about twenty miles from a camp to make use of 200 men. The State Engineer will have to make the surveys and submit these projects. I have written to him and also to Mr. M. O. Steen who has been writing me concerning the subject.

I would suggest that you take this matter up with the State Engineer and get him to submit as many projects as possible within very near future. I can assure you that any of these projects you can forward to me, will receive our prompt attention and I will take them up with the Forest Service.

I had intended to write you several times, but we have been kept about as busy here as we were

Governor Langer -

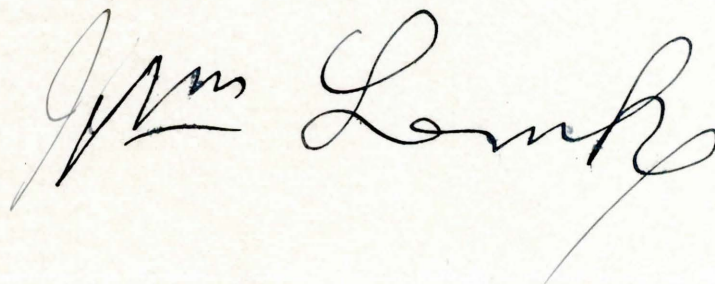
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during the session of the Legislature last winter. The laws that are being enacted will not satisfy the people of North Dakota, but they will do some good. It will be a step in the right direction.

I wrote you in regard to the Mexican property and hope that you will be able to make some sort of response so we can at least protect this property until the situation changes. If you cannot assist to the entire amount asked, do what you can.

With personal regards, I am

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "James Langer". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned to the right of the typed name "James Langer".