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Statement by Usher*

Fort Berthold Reservation
New Town, North Dakota

RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE THREE
AFFILIATED TRIBES OF THE FORT BERTHOLD RESERVATION, NORTH DAKOTA

Directed to: Honorable Usher L. Burdick, United States Representative
from State of North Dakota.

WHEREAS, the Tribal Business Council of the Three Affiliated Tribes, had pledged themselves to work with the Indian Bureau to prepare plans for the per capita distribution of the balance of the funds of the said tribes due from the Garrison Dam Project, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to such pledge, the Tribal Business Council prepared by resolution dated March 12, 1954 a \$200.00 immediate per capita distribution to each member of the Three Affiliated Tribes living on the date of approval of said resolution and in lieu of full per capita distribution at that time, and

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WHEREAS, the said Resolution of March 12, 1954 was approved by the Superintendent of the Fort Berthold Reservation and was approved by the Area Office at Aberdeen, South Dakota, and

WHEREAS, The Commissioner of Indian Affairs on May 3, 1954 disapproved said resolution on grounds that the Indian Bureau was transmitting a counter proposal to the Three Affiliated Tribes, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the decision of the Commissioner of Indian Affairs as set out above, is hereby appealed to our representatives in Congress and they are instructed to prevail upon the Commissioner of Indian Affairs to change its ruling. That the Commissioner of Indian Affairs had no sufficient cause nor reason to disapprove said Resolution which is unfair to the Three Affiliated Tribes, as by former correspondences, with the officials of the Indian Bureau, the Three Affiliated Tribes were lead to believe such \$200.00 payment would be made; that the disapproval of the \$200.00 distribution at this time, will be detrimental to the members and will seriously impair the relationship of the Three Affiliated Tribes with the Indian Bureau.

CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned, as Secretary of the Tribal Business Council, for the Three Affiliated Tribes of the Fort Berthold Reservation, hereby certify that the Tribal Business Council is composed of ten members of whom 7 constitut-

ing a quorum, were present at a Regular meeting, thereof, duly called, noticed, convened and held on the 13th day of May, 1954 that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted at such meeting by an affirmative vote of 6 members; 0 members pass; 0 members opposed; and that said resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way. Chairman not voting.

Dated this 13th day of May, 1954.

(Sgd.) Samuel Meyers
Samuel Meyers, Secretary of the
Three Affiliated Tribes Fort Berthold
Reservation, an Indian Chartered Cor-
poration.

Attest:

(Sgd.) Martin Cross
Martin Cross, Chairman
Tribal Business Council

Approved:

(Sgd.) Ralph Shane
Ralph Shane, Superintendent
Fort Berthold Agency