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## Correspondences Between Laura Knudson and C.J. Barry Regarding Sale of Land on the Fort Berthold Reservation, September 1, 1955

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:LAURA PAGE KNUSSON=

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:JEFF SMITH FORT BERTHOLD RESERVATION SAYS CERTAIN TRIBAL LANDS TO BE SOLD TO OUTSIDERS SEPT 6. CHECK WITH BUREAU ON THIS. IF CANT BE STOPPED ASK FOR DELAY OF SALE DATE AS THIS WAS ON VERY SHORT NOTICE TO THE INDIANS. HE SAYS WILL BRING BAD FEELING SMITH WANTS CONTACT LANGER AND YOUNG ON THIS TOO=

C J BARRY=

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C.J.BARRY  
415 Third Avenue West  
Williston, N.Dak.

FOR SEPTEMBER 6

REURTEL SALE FORT BERTHOLD TRIBAL LAND SALE/ADVERTISED AND LISTED IN NEW TOWN  
NEWS OVER MONTH AGO . GAVE TRACT NUMBER, ALLOTMENT NUMBER, NAME OF ALLOTTEE,  
TIME OF SUBMITTING BIDS ~~SO INDIANS HAD SUFFICIENT NOTICE~~. BUREAU REPORTS THERE  
WILL BE NO ACCEPTANCE OF BIDS PENDING REPORT FROM AREA DIRECTOR. SALE HAS NOTHING  
TO DO WITH RECENT CHANGE IN POLICY IN GRANTING PATENTS IN FEE BUT IS IN ROUTINE  
DIRECTOR  
COURSE OF BUSINESS/ WILL FIND OUT IF TRIBE INTERESTED IN BUYING.

Laura

# Ft. Berthold Agency Sale of Noncompetent Indian Lands

The Realty Division of the Fort Berthold Agency is announcing a supervised sale of noncompetent Indian lands. Bids for the sale will be opened at the office of the superintendent of the Agency in New Town at 2:00 o'clock on the afternoon of September 6, 1955. This is the first sale of any magnitude to be held at Fort Berthold. Other Supervised sales have included only a very few isolated tracts.

The advertisement for bids for sale of noncompetent Indian lands is quoted in entirety. This sale should be of wide interest in this area.

"Bids for the sale of land listed within will be opened at the Ft. Berthold Indian Agency, New Town, North Dakota, at 2:00 o'clock p.m., Central Standard Time, on September 6, 1955.

Each bid must be accompanied by a certified check, postal money order, or bank draft on a solvent bank, payable to the Treasurer of the United States, and delivered to the Officer in Charge of the Fort Berthold Indian Agency, for not less than ten percent of the total amount of the bid. If the bid is accepted, the balance of the amount of bid must be remitted to the Superintendent of the Fort Berthold Indian Agency, in forms of exchange mentioned above, within thirty (30) days after date of notice.

In addition to purchase price, successful bidders will be required to pay all costs of conveyance and the following fees:

A Land Sale fee of \$20.00 and Advertising fees as per the following: If the purchase price is \$1,000.00 or less: \$1.50; if the purchase price is \$1,000.00 to \$2,000.00: \$2.00; if more than \$2,000.00, the fee is \$2.50.

Each bid must be enclosed in a sealed envelope and must be plainly marked by the bidder "BID FOR LAND SALE", giving date of opening of bids, but the description of the tract must not be noted on the outside of the envelope; the bid proper should show both the description of the land, the allotment number, also name of Indian if desired.

The right is reserved unto the Secretary of the Interior or his  
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duly authorized representative to reject any and all bids.

Purchaser may not enter or take possession of the land until officially notified through this office of approval of sale.

Any enrolled member of the Three Affiliated Tribes of the Fort Berthold Reservation who has submitted a bona fide bid will be accorded the preference right to acquire the tract by electing to purchase the land described herein by meeting the highest acceptable bid submitted by a non-member of the Three Affiliated Tribes. If a member of the Three Affiliated Tribes elects to purchase the tract through exercising this preference right, the title will be conveyed to the Indian Purchaser in a trust status pursuant to the provisions of the Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat. L. 984).

Land is being advertised for sale, subject to any existing leases. And further, each of the tracts is offered separately to qualified bidders.

Bids will be received until 2:00 p.m., Central Standard Time on September 6, 1955.

For further information, please write the Superintendent of the Fort Berthold Indian Agency, New Town, North Dakota."

**Tract Allot.**

No.	No.	Name of Allottee	Land Description	Reservation of minerals	Acre-
1	1713	Ray Gough	Lots 5 & 6 Sec. 24-150-95	All	50.82
2	1131A	Ray Gough	Lots 1 & 2, E $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 19-150-94; NE $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 24-150-95	All	310.94
3	577A	Raymond Morin	W $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 19-152-93	$\frac{7}{8}$	80.00
4	391A	Dell Keller Smith	NW $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 10-150-92	All	160.00
5	583A	Jessie Price	E $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 19-152-94	$\frac{3}{4}$	80.00
6	1613	Jessie Price	Lot 2 Sec. 18-149-92	$\frac{3}{4}$	39.11
7	904A	Jessie Price	N $\frac{1}{2}$ Sec. 13-149-93	$\frac{3}{4}$	320.00
8	1321	James Danks	N $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 4-148-89	$\frac{3}{4}$	80.00
9	1322	James Danks	NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 4-148-89	$\frac{3}{4}$	40.00
10	938	Maurice Danks, Jr.	W $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 4-148-89	$\frac{3}{4}$	80.00
11	1322	Maurice Danks, Jr.	SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 4-148-89	$\frac{3}{4}$	40.00
12	861	August Newman	NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 16-147-88	All	40.00
13	1989	Vera Howard Fox	S $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , W $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 14; SE $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 15-147-94	$\frac{3}{4}$	300.00
14	1043	James Blue Stone	Lot 3, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 18-148-90	$\frac{3}{4}$	75.32
15	63A	Rudolph Perkins	N $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 25-148-88	All	80.00
16	1286	Eugene Eagle	E $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 8-148-89	$\frac{3}{4}$	80.00
17	1606	George Yellow Wolf	W $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 23-149-91	$\frac{3}{4}$	60.00
18	1841	Lawrence E. Dawson	N $\frac{1}{2}$ Sec. 9-150-94	All	320.00
19	697A	Carolette S. Mason	W $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ -NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 14-149-94	All	1.25

Congress of the United States  
House of Representatives

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Walter L. Burdick  
M. C.

Waukegan patient  
Indian Land Sale  
Ft. Belknap

Sept. 6 - 1955