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Tribal Business Council

THREE AFFILIATED TRIBES
NEW TOWN, NORTH DAKOTA

March 20, 1956

Honorable Usher L. Burdick
House Office Building
Washington, D. C.

Dear Usher:

Just a few lines to let you know that we of the Tribal Council are quite jubilant over the wires we received from our North Dakota Senators Young and Langer on the passage of our Senate Bills S. 2151 and S. 1528 by the Senate.

And we hope to receive the same kind of cooperation from our House members, and get same kind of wires saying that the House pass the same Bills in the immediate future.

I am quite disturb to learn that you favor a small per capita payment of \$200.00. At the request of the insurgent group. I understand that the Secretary of the Interior has looked favorably on this idea, but to me. I can not see how he can accomplish this plan. When he has already committed himself by his favorable report of December 29, 1955, recommending that the Bill S. 2151 be enacted without any amendments.

There is no point and absolutely no need to amend the Bill to make a small per capita payment, because this Bill will not accomplish only that but also settle the whole issue. I am asking you instead to push this Bill through the House so fast that no one will have the pleasure of tearing it down.

Sincerely, I am



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Three Affiliated Tribes
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