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March 22, 1956

Mr. Martin Cross
Chairman, Tribal Business Council
New Town, North Dakota

Dear Martin:

I have your letter of March 20, and thank you for writing me.

The reason I am in favor of the \$200 per capita payment at this time is this:

The Indians who are trying to raise crops need this money immediately in order to get the facilities for seeding. From my former experiences with the Indian Bureau, I think that it will be a long time before the membership roll is prepared and approved by the Secretary--too late for the farming Indians to get the money they need to put in crops.

Hearings were held by the Interior and Insular Affairs Committee of the House on my bill H. R. 9324 yesterday morning, at which I testified. From what I could judge of the committee's attitude I think it will go through.

Sincerely yours,

Usher L. Burdick, M. C.