



3-12-1958

## Letter from Harold W. Case to Representative Burdick Regarding Reservoir Name, March 12, 1958

Harold W. Case

[How does access to this work benefit you? Let us know!](#)

Follow this and additional works at: <https://commons.und.edu/burdick-papers>

---

### Recommended Citation

Case, Harold W., "Letter from Harold W. Case to Representative Burdick Regarding Reservoir Name, March 12, 1958" (1958). *Usher Burdick Papers*. 234.  
<https://commons.und.edu/burdick-papers/234>

This Book is brought to you for free and open access by the Elwyn B. Robinson Department of Special Collections at UND Scholarly Commons. It has been accepted for inclusion in Usher Burdick Papers by an authorized administrator of UND Scholarly Commons. For more information, please contact [und.common@library.und.edu](mailto:und.common@library.und.edu).

# THE BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS

of the Congregational and Christian Churches, 287 Fourth Ave., New York 10, N. Y.

THE DIVISION OF CHURCH EXTENSION AND EVANGELISM

STANLEY U. NORTH, General Secretary



COMMUNITY RELATIONS MINISTRY OF NORTH DAKOTA

Harold W. Case, Director

121 Sioux Avenue

Bismarck, North Dakota

Phone CApitol 3-0516

March 12, 1958

Hon. Usher L. Burdick  
House of Representatives  
Washington D C

Re; H R 10445

Dear Mr. Burdick:

I have noted the efforts being put forth by a small group to retaining the name of Garrison Dam or Garrison Reservoir against the desire of many who would like to have the waters impounded by the Garrison Dam known as Lake Sakakawea in honor of the Indian woman by that name, who was raised among the Hidatsas of Ft Berthold and who shared her knowledge in the guiding of the Lewis & Clark Expedition to the Northwest. I am sure you know the facts in the case.

It seems to me that Ft Berthold being the largest displacement of people in the Missouri River Development Program, therefore suffering the heaviest economic loss, certainly should be given consideration in the naming of these waters. In addition to the Indian people there are many groups and individuals across the State who would and will support their hand.

Furthermore with the emotional and economic damage that Ft Berthold has suffered, for the people to have a voice in the naming of this body of water will do much to bolster their morale. Now the people are being asked to help North Dakota, because of their colorful and historic setting, in their bid for more of the tourist business for the State. Lake Sakakawea is the most colorful name that I know of and will not only mean much to the Indian-Americans of Ft Berthold but will prove an asset to the State itself.

Let me have your re-action and hope we may count on your support.

Sincerely

*Harold W. Case*  
Harold W. Case  
35 years on  
Ft Berthold

*sent w r s  
3/14/58  
This you get  
let you  
3/12/58  
presented  
a good  
defense  
of the  
U.S. A  
proposal*