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May 16, 1956

Mr. B. J. Youngbird
Emmet, North Dakota

Dear Mr. Youngbird:

Mr. D'Ewart is out of the city and Miss Hicks is in Europe. Yesterday I tried to run down the agreement you said the Indian Bureau made to you on the \$200 per capita payments to be made right away to enable you to get your crops in.

Mr. Greenwood told me that so far as he knows, no such commitment was ever made down there. He said that if Mr. D'Ewart had told you that you could get it, he would have known about it. He further said that such a request would have to be made by the Tribal Council, and that if they would request it, they would give it every consideration down at the Bureau.

No hearings on the bill will be printed by the House Insular and Interior Affairs Committee. However, I am sending you a copy of the report on it, and also the report from the Senate.

The reason that I did not attend the hearings on S. 2151 was because it was obligatory upon me to go the meeting of the Judiciary Subcommittee on Claims, of which I am a member, at the same time the bill was being considered by the Insular and Interior Affairs Committee, and the reason Mrs. Knudson said nothing was because she was not authorized to do so.

We do not have any copies (extra ones) of the Congressional Records before May 17th.

Sincerely yours,

Usher L. Burdick, M. C.