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August 27, 1956

Mr. Floyd Montclair
New Town, North Dakota

Dear Mr. Montclair:

Concerning your letter of July 27, which was referred to this office by Senator Langer, I wish to say that we received in today's mail a letter from the Commissioner of Indian Affairs to Mr. Ben Reifel, a copy of which we enclose.

I believe this will explain to your satisfaction the matter of the per capita payments about which you inquired in your letter to Senator Langer.

In a telephone conversation Mr. Adams of the Indian Bureau told me that the payment of this money is not actually a "per capita" payment, but rather a segregation to permit payment of the remaining funds in the account. Before this can be done, he stated that a current membership roll would have to be prepared, and said that an election order had gone out about August 18. He also said that instructions were published in all papers, calling for redistricting of the reservation. A letter was sent to the Area Director July 13 (copy enclosed) calling his attention to the matters which have to be settled.

If there is anything further we can do for you here please let us know.

Sincerely yours,

Laura Page Knudson
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USHER L. BURDICK, M. C.