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September 14, 1956

Mr. J. K. Murray
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Dear Mr. Murray:

Your letter of September 11, concerning the rights of the Indians on the Fort Berthold Reservation to have their children enrolled as members of the tribe, even though they may have only one-eighth to one-sixteenth Indian blood.

We are taking this up with Commissioner Emmons, and just as soon as we get his ruling on it we will write you again. It would certainly seem that the arbitrary setting of a date to end enrollments is in conflict with the Indian treaties and the intent of the Congress.

Sincerely yours,

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