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GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION



Federal Supply Service
Washington 25, D. C.

MAY 22 1957
In Reply Refer To: FU

Honorable Usher L. Burdick
House of Representatives
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Burdick:

Prior to receiving your letter of May 10 several members of the Affiliated Tribes from the Fort Berthold Reservation met with representatives of this office.

The problem of crossing the Garrison Reservoir was discussed at some length together with the possibility of acquiring, from excess sources, suitable equipment for ferrying trucks across the lake.

Contacts are being made with those Federal agencies which normally have the type of equipment the Three Affiliated Tribes need. As soon as some definite information is developed as to availability the matter will be taken up with the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior.

In this regard the Director of the Property Management Division, Office of the Administrative Assistant Secretary, Department of the Interior has informally advised that the equipment may be made available to the Fort Berthold Reservation through the Bureau of Indian Affairs. More information will be developed about the method of arranging the transfer as the necessary items appear as excess and we will keep you advised as progress is made.

I trust the above arrangements are satisfactory to you and the Affiliated Tribes.

Sincerely yours

(Signature)
Acting Commissioner