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GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION



Federal Supply Service

Washington 25, D. C.

SEP 5 1957

In Reply Refer To: FU

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

Dear Mr. Burdick:

This is with further reference to our letter of May 22, 1957 in connection with the requirements of the Fort Berthold Reservation for a barge and several jeeps.

The Department of Interior recently advised this office that no authority exists whereby the Bureau of Indian Affairs or the Department could transfer the above property to the Affiliated Tribes. They stated further that it had been administratively determined to be undesirable for the Bureau of Indian Affairs to acquire the equipment and make it available to the Tribes on a "Use Permit" basis.

In view of the above the only alternative we can recommend is to have the Affiliated Tribes offer to purchase the required items when they are being sold as surplus.

To accomplish this we suggest that the Affiliated Tribes write to the Headquarters of the 5th Army, 1660 E. Hyde Park Boulevard, Chicago 15, Illinois, requesting that their name be added to the mailing lists for sales of surplus barges and jeeps.

The Headquarters of the 5th Army has jurisdiction over the disposal of surplus property at military installations in thirteen central states and will give the Affiliated Tribes wide coverage to fill their requirements.

The enclosed booklet "How to Buy Surplus Personal Property" may also be helpful to the Affiliated Tribes.

Sincerely yours

(Signed) C. D. Bean

C. D. Bean
Commissioner

Enclosure