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## Letter from Representative Burdick to J. M. Carter Regarding Garrison Dam Pool Level, February 13, 1949

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February 13, 1952

Mr. J. M. Carter  
White Earth, North Dakota

Dear Mr. Carter:

I do not know the exact level at which the land will be flooded under the Garrison Dam, and therefore cannot tell you whether or not your land will be inundated. Since the Army Engineers have offered to buy it, I should presume that it will be.

If you sell it, you certainly should get more than \$46.00 per acre for it. I should say you ought to get \$75.00 per acre at the least. And if you sell it, BE SURE TO RESERVE THE MINERAL RIGHTS. I would suggest that you go to see Bigelow Neal at Sanish, North Dakota. He is bucking the Army Engineers, and I am sure he could help you. He looks after my interests for me, and I have the utmost confidence in him.

As to getting a seed loan for Williams County, I doubt this could be done. With all the oil money coming in, the county ought to be able to handle this itself.

Please let me know how you come out on the land proposition, and also as to the seed loan.

If there is anything further I can do for you here, please let me know, as I am always glad to be of service of assistance to my friends back home.

Sincerely yours,

Usher L. Burdick, M. C.