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## Letter from Representative Burdick to Arlo Beggs Regarding Garrison Dam Pool Level, February 3, 1953

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February 3, 1953

Mr. Arlo E. Beggs  
Turtle Lake, North Dakota

Dear Mr. Beggs:

In response to your letter of January 12, requesting information on the Garrison Dam, I wish to say that I talked with the Office of the Army Engineers this morning. They tell me that the Senate removed the restriction on the 1830 foot level, and that no specific elevation maximum was given. Mr. Connor informed me also that they are acquiring land in the upper reaches of the valley, and that they expect to have sufficient to enable them to build the dam to the 1850 foot level if that seems desirable.

As to the Turtle Lake diversion question, Mr. Connor informed me that no authorization has been given for this as yet. He further stated that this would probably be handled by the Bureau of Reclamation. I suggest that you write to Mr. J. J. Walsh, Secretary of the Water Conservation Commission at Bismarck, North Dakota, in regard to the Turtle Lake diversion.

If there is any further information I can give you or obtain for you here, please let me know.

Very truly yours,

USHER L. HARDICK, m. c.