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Letter from Representative Burdick to Robert Vogel Regarding Garrison Dam Pool Level, June 19, 1949

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June 19, 1910.

Garrison ✓

Mr. Robert Vogel,
Garrison, North Dakota.

Dear Bob:

We have just received a letter from a Mrs. J. E. Butz whose post office address is Washburn, and who thinks that they are paying more taxes on their farm than others in the same district. She wants the Congressman to do something about it.

Do you have any information on the case or could you find time to look it up for us? I am fairly sure there is no justification for her statement, but some background information would help us in our correspondence with her.

The map and article from the Bismarck Tribune published in the Independent of May 26 should be distributed to McLean County people. If the Garrison pool finally goes to 1850 feet, it will not only cut the county practically in two, but the additional 30,000 acres will cost us between \$7,000 and \$10,000 yearly in tax revenue.

I am surprised that more McLean County people do not take an active part in the effort to limit the pool to 1830 feet. Would it be asking too much to suggest that the Independent carry an editorial (written by you, of course) opposing the 1850 foot level? Such an editorial in your next issue could be of considerable help to Usher here. August 1 is coming around pretty soon and I will be seeing you soon after.

Yours very truly,

Usher L. Burdick, m.c.