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Garrison Dam

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May 29, 1947

Mrs. George Corbin
Livona,
North Dakota

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Dear Mrs. Corbin:

This will acknowledge your recent letter giving me your views on the Garrison Dam Project. I have read your letter with a great deal of interest.

It is natural, of course, that in any one project as big as the Garrison Dam development, there are bound to be some dislocations and some people will be inconvenienced. That was true when the Government built Boulder Dam and the Grand Coulee Dam, but no one in the West today will argue that these dams should not have been built. They are paying for themselves many times over in increased benefits for economic opportunities and in many other ways.

I think that North Dakota will realize similar benefits from the construction of the Garrison Dam. It will harness the Missouri River and put it to work. It will provide low cost electricity, irrigation, and flood control. I am confident that an overwhelming majority of the people in the State are backing the project.

Thank you for calling my attention to some of the disadvantages that will result. Let me assure you that I will do everything I can to see that the dislocations caused by the project are kept at a minimum.

With kindest regards and best wishes for your good health, I am

Sincerely,

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