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Letter from Senator Langer to Adorah Carson Regarding Garrison Dam, August 20, 1946

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Carson, Mrs Adorah

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August 20, 1946.

Indian
Affairs

Mrs. Adorah Carson,
Cavalier, North Dakota.

My dear Mrs. Carson:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of August 9, concerning the proposed construction of the Garrison Dam. By Act of Congress this proposed dam is to be constructed, due consideration has been given to the feasibility and necessity for the construction of this dam. Indian witnesses and other persons interested in this matter have had full opportunity to be heard. In so far as the Indians are concerned in this matter the law provides that no part of the appropriation for the construction of the Garrison Dam may be expended for actual construction of the Dam itself until suitable land is found by the Secretary of the Interior to be equal in quality and sufficient in area to compensate the Three Affiliated Tribes shall be offered to said tribes in exchange of the land or the Fort Berthold Reservation which shall be inundated by the construction of the Garrison Dam.

In compliance with said Act of Congress, representatives of the Interior Department and representatives of the War Department have been for some time negotiating with the view of carrying out the provisions of the law. I am advised that the negotiation will be completed by the end of this year.

Under the law and the circumstances I know of no way that the construction can be delayed other than that the Indians must be settled with before actual construction of the Dam itself is commenced.

Sincerely,

William Langer, U. S. S.

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