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1310 -16th St., N.W. Washington, D.C. December 12, 1946

Honorable William Langer United States Senator Senate Office Building Washington, D.C.

My dear Senator Langer:

I wiwh to submit my protest to the taking of lands in Mercer and Oliver Counties, North Dakota, for the Indians as now under consideration.

My Father, Henry S. Russell, purchased the land we now own about one mile and a half north of Stanton in 1903, and we have considered this place our home ever since. My Father worked early and late to improve and clear the land for cultivation, and when he died in July of this year, he expressed the desire that the land be a home for my Mother, myself and my brothers.

My brother, who returned from service with the Army in the European area is farming and helping my Mother at the farm.

The reimbursement from the Government for the land would not adequately compensate us for our home place, which offers my family a means of making a living as well as a home.

Upon just consideration of our case alone, I believe that another solution to the problem would have to necessarily be found.

Sincerely yours,

Myttle E. Russell