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Honorable William Langer
United States Senate
Washington, D. C.

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My dear Senator:

As I suggested in our recent conversation, I am enclosing a list of the members of the Tribal Business Council of the Three Affiliated Tribes of the Fort Berthold Reservation. Also, copy of the pending Bill S. 3303.

This Bill is now before the Office of the Solicitor, Department of the Interior, where the Legislative Reference Division, is at work on the report to be made on the Bill by the Department of the Interior. My information from that Division late yesterday was that the report on the Bill was sent to the Bureau of the Budget for its comments on July 7th and should be back on or about July 17th. If the report is completed by that time, it will go to the Secretary's office for signature and forwarding to Senator O'Mahoney's Committee.

There is another Bill pending on which the people of Standing Rock are very much interested, which is H. R. 7433, to provide a more expeditious means of distributing the awards in the Pony Claims cases. Appropriation to pay for ponies taken from the Sioux in 1876 was made in the Deficiency Act approved December 31, 1945. Approximately 70 per cent of this appropriation has not been distributed to the claimants. This situation is largely due to administrative difficulties and the Bill seeks to correct the machinery by directing a prompt distribution of the awards without following the letter of the Inheritance Act or the provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act. This Bill, likewise, is before the Department of the Interior for report, which I am assured will be forthcoming within a reasonable time.

Very sincerely,

Ralph Hoyt Case

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COUNCIL, 5/11/50

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