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NORTH DAKOTA

*Farmers
Union*



Jamestown, North Dakota

April 19, 1955

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Senator William Langer
Senate Office Building - 142
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Senator Langer:

I am enclosing a copy of a resolution which deals with the controversial level of the Garrison reservoir. This resolution was adopted unanimously by the Board of Directors of the North Dakota Farmers Union.

We will appreciate your comments on the feasibility of the proposal outlined in the resolution as well as your own thinking, based upon the facts you already have, as to which of the pool levels will best serve the interest of the greatest number of people affected by this action.

Sincerely yours,

E. C. Wieland

E. C. Wieland
Secretary to the President

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Whereas, a controversy continues in North Dakota over the pool level of Garrison Dam, with all its attending charges and countercharges, and,

Whereas, we are vitally interested in the production of maximum power from Garrison Dam, in order to meet the growing demands of farmers for electrical energy, and,

Whereas, we believe, further, that power of Garrison Dam could be greatly increased, by the augmentation of its firm power with lignite fired steam plants, and possibly through atomic power, and,

Whereas, we are mindful of the historic differences between the irrigation and navigation interests and other differences which operate today to becloud the facts, and,

Whereas, we do not believe that we can secure the facts, presently, from existing agencies, which could form the basis for a decision on the proper pool level height of Garrison Dam,

Therefore, be it resolved by the Board of Directors of the North Dakota Farmers Union, that we are unalterable in support of maximum power production from Garrison Dam, augmented by steam power; and that we call upon Congress, to immediately conduct a private engineering survey of the power potential at the various pool levels at Garrison Dam, and their effect upon related uses of the water; and Congress is further requested to make funds available to REA's, or to an authority, for steam plant production, supplementing the firm power of Garrison Dam; and that a copy of this resolution be mailed to the North Dakota Congressional Delegation.