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May 26, 1953

Mr. James Black Dog  
Elbowoods, North Dakota

Dear Mr. Black Dog:

I have not answered your letter before, for the reason that I have been waiting for a reply to a telegram I sent to President Eisenhower concerning the order that people in the flooding area would have to leave their homes and re-locate before July 1, 1953.

I had an answer this morning, but the order to move will have to be complied with. The only relief suggested that individuals may make application for an extension of time, where it would cause an undue hardship to move before the time set in the order -- in your sister's case, before October 15, 1953.. If it is essential that she have more time I would suggest that she write Mr. Graham Holmes, the Area Counsel at Aberdeen.

Very truly yours,

Usher L. Burdick, M. C.

P.S. I am returning the letters you enclosed.