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## Letter from Floyd Montclair to Senator Langer and William Brophy Regarding Per Capita Payments to Fort Berthold Indians, August 27, 1946

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William Langer, Senator,  
William Brophy, Commissioner.

Honored Sirs:

The \$400,000 award to the Fort Berthold Indians was first introduced by the Hon. Usher L. Burdick, with a proviso in the original bill set forth "for per capita payment to each individual Indian entitled thereto." That is now an act of the Congress. The same as you would draw your money on demand from the First National Bank or from the Treasury of the United States, SAME THING, because it's an act of the Congress for no other purpose but calls for per capita payment to the Fort Berthold Indians of North Dakota.

How many times you going to make it an act of the Congress for per capita payment of that \$400,000 award to the Fort Berthold Indians?

However, if you are the well-informed Commissionery I think you should be, you would have known that a petition now pending before the Tribal Council for official decision and represented the will of the people registered from the various districts for per capita payment of the \$400,000 award to the Fort Berthold Indians of North Dakota.

Now, tell me something definite, and I say next time because next time be sure and enclose the Act of June 28 and July 1, 1941. I failed to get such an enclosure in your letter of 23 August 1946. Awaiting your reply,

Sincerely yours,

*Floyd Montclair*

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