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January 18, 1950.

Bureau of Indian Affairs,
Department of the Interior,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

The enclosed letter showing the troubles that farmers outside of the Fort Berthold Reservation are having with horses owned by the Indians of the reservation is certainly self-explanatory.

If you have not already done so, I hope that you will give some consideration to the problem immediately, looking either to the disposal of the horses or their containment behind the reservation fence.

I would think that this is a matter that could be solved satisfactorily within the present authority of your department, but if there should be anything required in a legislative way, I would be anxious to do what I can to assist you. This is a serious problem to these people and must be taken care of.

Please return the enclosed communication with your reply.

Sincerely yours,

Usher L. Burdick, m.c.