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February 19, 1947

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

Dear Senator Langer:

The offer of certain lieu lands to the Indians of the Elbowoods Reservation falls far short of just compensation for the damage they will sustain through the flooding of the area where they now reside. The Indians have real grounds for complaining that the government's plan which separates their grazing land by at least 100 miles from their homes, would ruin their ranching operations.

Likely you are already acquainted with the situation. If the Indian lands are to be flooded, we should insist that at least adequate compensation be made to them.

My best wishes.

Yours sincerely,

Vincent J. Ryan

Bishop of Bismarck

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