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## Letter from Representative Burdick to Lillie Wolf Regarding Garrison Dam Flood Lands, May 11, 1954

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May 11, 1954

Mrs. Lily Wolf  
Elbowoods, North Dakota

Dear Mrs. Wolf:

After more than two months, I have at last received some word from the Department about your land in the Garrison Dam taking area. Below is what Mr. Hutchinson said about your case:

Since you refused to sell your land at the appraised value placed upon it by the Army Engineers, the Court will hear the evidence from both sides, and determine the amount to be paid to you, and what would be just compensation. Under the Act the Department has no authority to negotiate with you and give you a higher price than that already offered, so your only recourse is to take it to court.

Apparently you have already been informed of this situation and have engaged counsel to represent you, as Mr. Hutchinson informed me that your case is listed on the court calendar at Bismarck for the 1954 term, which is now in session.

I can only wish you the greatest of luck and success in your effort to obtain what your land is worth, and I am more than sorry that it has taken so long to get a report from the Department. I have contacted the officials in the Department any number of times in an effort to get it, but apparently they can not be hurried, and take their own time to give out information, no matter how pressing the need.

Sincerely yours,

Usher L. Burdick, M. C.