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House of Representatives

Washington, D. C.

April 5, 1944.

Mr. C. H. Beitzel, Superintendent, Office of Indian Affairs. Elbowoods, North Dakota.

Dear Mr. Beitzel:

Mr. Burdick is in North Dakota for a few days during the Congressional Recess. In his absence I am taking the liberty of acknowledging receipt of your letter of March 25.

The Rivers and Harbors bill, H. R. 3961, which contains provisions for developing the Missouri River for various purposes, passed the House on March 22 and is now before the Senate for action.

I worked with several other western Congressmen to have included in this bill an Amendment to safeguard the interests of North Dakota. We worked for an Amendment which specifically protected the interests of the upper basin states in the use of water for irrigation and other purposes. We were concerned about the 9-Foot Channel farther down which was to be constructed to promote navigation and we wanted to be sure that this channel would not take so much water from the upper river so that there would be none left for irrigation and other purposes.

The best we could do was to have this statement included in the measure: "That such improvement when accomplished shall not create any demand on the water resources of the lower basin over that now authorized by existing law." I believe this will protect us but our forces are working to get the Senate to make the limitation more specific. I hope we will succeed over in that Chamber.

For your information I am sending you, under

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