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IN REPLY REFER TO:

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
FORT BERTHOLD INDIAN AGENCY
NEW TOWN, NORTH DAKOTA
MAY 31, 1955

HON. USHER L. BURDICK
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
WASHINGTON, D. C.

MY DEAR MR. BURDICK:

REFERENCE IS MADE TO YOUR LETTER DATED MAY 26TH, RELATIVE TO THE REQUEST OF JAMES BLACK DOG IN WHICH HE ASKS YOU TO INVESTIGATE THE DETERMINATION OF THE HEIRSHIP IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF OWL WOMAN, FORT BERTHOLD ALLOTMENT 358. HE FORWARDED TO YOU A COPY OF THE PETITION FOR REHEARING FILED BY LAURA COTTONWOOD (PROBATE 11228-54 C-100-55). MR. BLACK DOG FURTHER ADVISES YOU THAT MARTIN FOX OF NEW TOWN IS ENTITLED TO ALL THE ESTATE OF OWL WOMAN BUT GAVE NO REASON NEITHER DID HE STATE THE RELATIONSHIP OF MARTIN FOX TO OWL WOMAN. THE PETITION FOR REHEARING FILED BY LAURA COTTONWOOD WAS DENIED AND SHE WAS ADVISED THAT SHE HAD AN ADDITIONAL 60 DAYS IN WHICH TO APPEAL THIS DECISION TO THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR. PROBATE OF THE ABOVE ESTATE WAS COMPLETED BY JULY 19, 1954, AND SHOWS THAT MARTIN FOX RECEIVED AN UNDIVIDED 1/4TH INTEREST IN THIS ESTATE BY VIRTUE OF THE FACT THAT HIS MOTHER, YELLOW PAINT WOMAN, INHERITED A 1/2 INTEREST IN THIS ESTATE OF WHICH THE HUSBAND, WHITE FINGER NAILS INHERITED A 1/2 AND MARTIN FOX, A SON, 1/2 INTEREST AGGREGATING EACH 1/4 INTEREST IN THE ENTIRE ESTATE. THE OTHER HEIRS TO THIS ESTATE ARE VERY NUMEROUS AND WOULD APPEAR THAT IT WOULD NOT BE NECESSARY TO LIST THEM. THERE ARE THIRTY-THREE OTHER HEIRS.

MARTIN FOX WAS FURNISHED A COPY OF THIS FINAL DETERMINATION TO THIS ESTATE AND WAS ALSO ADVISED IN WRITING THAT HE 60 DAYS IN WHICH TO FILE A PETITION FOR REHEARING IN THE EVENT HE WAS NOT SATISFIED WITH THIS DECISION. MR. FOX COMES TO OUR OFFICE QUITE FREQUENTLY AND HE HAS NEVER EXPRESSED HIS DISSATISFACTION OVER THE DETERMINATION OF THIS ESTATE AND IT WOULD APPEAR THAT HE IS SATISFIED. IN ANY EVENT THIS 60 DAY WAITING PERIOD IN WHICH TO FILE AN APPEAL EXPIRED ON SEPTEMBER 26, 1954. AT THE NEXT VISIT OF MARTIN FOX TO THIS OFFICE, WE WILL TAKE UP THIS MATTER WITH HIM TO SEE JUST WHAT HIS WISHES ARE IN THIS CASE.

SINCERELY YOURS,

George Shubert

CC - AREA DIRECTOR, ABERDEEN
COMMISSIONER OF IND. AFFAIRS

for RALPH M. SHANE
SUPERINTENDENT