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Letter from Congressman Usher Burdick to Senator Langer Regarding Petition from Elbowoods, July 27, 1953

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Garrison Dam Project

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Senator William Langer
Senate Office Building
Washington, D. C.

Dear Bill:

Thank you for your letter of July 13, and the photostatic copy of the petition signed by the people at Elbowoods who want to be paid for their homes which will be taken under the Garrison Dam project.

I had already taken this up with the Justice Department and today received a letter from Mr. J. Edward Williams, Acting Assistant Attorney General, in which he says, in part:

"...Instructions have been issued to the United States Attorney to furnish a certified copy of this judgment to the Superintendent of the Fort Berthold Reservation at the earliest possible date, with the further request that checks be promptly issued from the fund made available to him for this purpose. This Department has been informed that the payments will no doubt be made in the near future, which will, of course, include all the signatories to the above-mentioned petition."

I'm glad to know that these people are going to get their money at last, and am sure you will be, too.

My kind regards and best wishes.

Sincerely yours,

Usher L. Burdick