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## Letter from J. Edward Williams to Senator Langer Regarding Civil Case No. 2386, July 22, 1953

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*US Department of Justice*

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Department of Justice  
Washington

July 22, 1953

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

My dear Senator:

This will refer to the conference had in your office on this date wherein Mr. Edward N. Bodholdt represented this Department concerning the condemnation proceeding entitled United States v. Certain lands and improvements in McLean, Dunn, McKenzie and Mercer Counties, North Dakota, Rufus B. Stevenson, et al., and unknown owners, Civil No. 2386. This suit involves property of the three affiliated tribes of the Fort Berthold Reservation for use in connection with the establishment of the Garrison Dam and Reservoir Project.

In accordance with arrangements made at the conference, there are enclosed herewith the original and four copies of the list of names and addresses of allottees or parties in interest whose property vested in the United States under the provisions of Public Law 437 (63 Stat. 1026). You were advised that the just compensation for the taking of all interests with the exception of Allotment Nos. 323-A and 368 formerly owned by Lillie Wolf, Elbowoods, North Dakota, was fixed by judgment entered July 17, 1953. A telegram was received today from Mr. Harry Lashkowitz, Assistant United States Attorney, advising that a further check of the court file disclosed one allotment in addition to the Lillie Wolf allotment still pending on the question of just compensation and the right of the Government to take under the above-mentioned act. This allotment is identified as Allotment No. 1790 formerly owned by Anna May Bracklin McGrady. The information supplied to you at the conference should be altered to this extent.

Also enclosed is a copy of a letter of this date to the United States Attorney at Fargo, North Dakota, urging prompt distribution of the funds to the former owners as determined by the

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judgment. A certified copy of the judgment has been requested for your future reference.

If I can be of further assistance, please let me know.

With kind regards,

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "J. Edward Williams".

J. Edward Williams  
Acting Assistant Attorney General

LIST OF NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF ALLOTTEES OR PARTIES IN INTEREST

Allotment or Identifi-  
cation Number

Allottee or Party in Interest

9 (Part 2)

Rufus B. Stevenson  
Van Hook, North Dakota

33

Celeste Pease (Hall Pease)  
Lodge Grass, Montana

37-A

Gladys Ripley  
c/o Jackson Ripley  
Emmet, North Dakota

59

Carl Whitman, Jr.  
Elbowoods, North Dakota

60

Carl Whitman  
Elbowoods, North Dakota

Albert Whitman  
Elbowoods, North Dakota

Mrs. Leonard Beauchamp  
El Cerrito, Box 599  
Richmond, California

Mrs. Regina Schanandore  
808 7th Street  
Bismarck, North Dakota

61

Carl Whitman, Jr.  
Elbowoods, North Dakota

62

Carl Whitman, Jr.  
Elbowoods, North Dakota

65

Grace Medicine Crow  
Van Hook, North Dakota

75a

Albert (Alfred) White Calf  
Emmet, North Dakota

127

Myrtle Old Dog (Susie Old Dog)  
Elbowoods, North Dakota

Alice Old Dog  
Elbowoods, North Dakota

129

Myrtle Old Dog (Susie Old Dog)  
Elbowoods, North Dakota

Alice Old Dog  
Elbowoods, North Dakota

140

Bendictine M. Bears Tail  
Elbowoods, North Dakota

230

Martin Cross  
Elbowoods, North Dakota

Alice Old Dog  
Elbowoods, North Dakota

244

Margaret E. Hall  
Elbowoods, North Dakota



Allotment or Identification Number

Allottee or Party in Interest

247

Mrs. Elizabeth Y. Packineau  
Elbowoods, North Dakota

269

Paul Parshall  
Van Hook, North Dakota

308

Alfred Samuel Smith  
Van Hook, North Dakota

312

Thomas Spotted Wolf  
Elbowoods, North Dakota

323-A

Lillie Wolf  
Elbowoods, North Dakota

366

Louis Brown  
Van Hook, North Dakota

368

Lillie Wolf  
Elbowoods, North Dakota

381-A

Allen Horn  
Van Hook, North Dakota

458

Heirs of Charlie Crows Heart  
c/o Superintendent, Fort Berthold  
Agency - Elbowoods, North Dakota

543-A

Julia Hunts Along  
Elbowoods, North Dakota

593

Lee Old Mouse  
Elbowoods, North Dakota

696

Lizzie Gillette  
Elbowoods, North Dakota

715

August Little Soldier  
Beulah, North Dakota

916-A (Formerly 58)

Richard Wilkinson, minor  
c/o John Wilkinson  
Elbowoods, North Dakota

919-A

Willena L. Soldier  
Beulah, North Dakota

934

Burton B. Bell  
Beulah, North Dakota

936-A

Carl Whitman, Jr.  
Elbowoods, North Dakota

982

James Foote  
Elbowoods, North Dakota

990

Jack Lone Fight, Sr.  
Elbowoods, North Dakota

Violet Lone Fight  
Elbowoods, North Dakota

Allotment or Identification Number

Allottee or Party in Interest

1027

Inez Bird Bear  
Elbowoods, North Dakota

Benjamin Grinnell  
Elbowoods, North Dakota

Josephine Grinnell  
Elbowoods, North Dakota

Perpetua Grinnell  
Elbowoods, North Dakota

Regina Grinnell  
Elbowoods, North Dakota

Rita Grinnell  
Elbowoods, North Dakota

Richard Grinnell  
Elbowoods, North Dakota

Maggie Old Dog Grinnell  
Elbowoods, North Dakota

1033

Edward H. Hall  
Elbowoods, North Dakota

1035, Parts 1 and 2

Anna Hall  
Fox Lake, Wisconsin

1040a

Emma Lockwood Jones  
Beulah, North Dakota

1093

Adele F. Young Bear  
Elbowoods, North Dakota

1790

Anna May Bracklin McGrady  
Sanish, North Dakota

2170

McRoy Starr  
2101 Allendale Road  
Baltimore, Maryland

2179

Carlyle Sylvester Page  
306 Valley Street  
Williamsport, Pennsylvania

AR - 1

Nathan Little Soldier  
Beulah, North Dakota

AR - 2

Theodore Gillette  
Elbowoods, North Dakota

AR - 3

Mary Fox  
Elbowoods, North Dakota

AR - 4

Rose Nagle Fournier  
Elbowoods, North Dakota

AR - 5

Margaret F. Brugh  
Elbowoods, North Dakota

AR - 6

Philip Atkins  
Elbowoods, North Dakota

AR - 7

Floyd Montclair  
Elbowoods, North Dakota

Allotment or Identification Number

Allottee or Party in Interest

AR- 8	May Smith Elbowoods, North Dakota
AR - 9	Laura Irwin Elbowoods, North Dakota
AR - 10	Bendict Heart Elbowoods, North Dakota
AR - 11	Willis Two Crow Elbowoods, North Dakota
AR - 12	John Bears Tail Elbowoods, North Dakota
AR - 13	August Newman Elbowoods, North Dakota
AR - 14	Vincent Malnouri Elbowoods, North Dakota
AR - 15	Joseph Packineau, Jr. Elbowoods, North Dakota
AR - 16	Clarence Perkins Elbowoods, North Dakota
RW - 1	Amelia Spotted Wolf Elbowoods, North Dakota
RW - 2	Elsie Spotted Wolf Elbowoods, North Dakota
RW - 3	Elsie Foote Elbowoods, North Dakota
GSL - 1	Eugene Jimmie Brugh Elbowoods, North Dakota
GSL - 2	Margaret Harney Elbowoods, North Dakota
GSL - 3	Mary Birds Bill Fox Van Hook, North Dakota
Tribal Tract No. 9	Charles Fredericks Elbowoods, North Dakota

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July 22, 1953

AIR MAIL

Powless W. Lanier, Esquire  
United States Attorney  
Fargo, North Dakota

Dear Mr. Lanier:

This will make reference to the condemnation proceeding entitled United States v. Certain lands and improvements in McLean, Dunn, McKenzie and Mercer Counties, North Dakota, Rufus B. Stevenson, et al., and unknown owners, Civil No. 2386, instituted for the purpose of determining the just compensation to be paid for certain property which was vested in the United States by the Act of Congress approved October 29, 1949 (63 Stat. 1026), for use in connection with the Garrison Dam and Reservoir Project.

Pursuant to the telephone conversation had between Mr. Harry Lashkowitz of your office and Mr. Bodholdt of the Department, it will be appreciated if you will exert every possible effort in urging the Superintendent of the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation to make prompt distribution to all the parties defendant named in the judgment entered July 17, 1953, and shown to have an interest in the property involved in the proceeding.

It will also be appreciated if you will furnish the Department with a certified copy of the judgment of July 17, 1953, in addition to the usual copies transmitted to the Department with the final transcript of the proceedings. This copy is desired for the benefit of Honorable William Langer, United States Senate. Your prompt attention to the foregoing will be very much appreciated both by the Department and Senator Langer.

Sincerely,

J. EDWARD WILLIAMS  
Acting Assistant Attorney General