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14 January 1949

Hon. William Langer United States Senator Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I have attended a great many meetings at which we have talked about the Indian situation, and have read a great deal in the newspapers and magazines about the horrible condition that the Indians live under in the State of North Dakota, but nowhere have I seen any attempt to draw up a plan that might better the conditions under which they would have to live in the future.

As we face an immediate problem in the state of North Dakota, the necessity of moving some fifteen hundred Indians from the Fort Berthold Reservation to higher Land, due to the flood waters of the Garrison Dam, and no one so far, has brought forth a concrete problem for their solution. I am offering the solution enclosed for discussion purposes only. If this matter is of any benefit to you, in connection with your work for the benefit of the Indians, you are free to use it as you see fit.

Very truly yours,

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