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September 22, 1919.

Garrison

Mr. Gilbert Holtan,
County Auditor,
McLean County,
Washburn, North Dakota.

Dear Mr. Holtan:

Correspondence I have lately received has raised the question as to what part of the rent received by the Army Engineers from land acquired in your county for the Garrison Dam project is returned to the county in lieu of taxes.

I would appreciate receiving any information or studies you may have as to how these payments compare with the revenue the county would receive through regular tax channels on the same land.

I know that the acquisition of so many thousands of acres of land for this project in McLean County, especially, the taking of the land above the 1830 foot level, is creating many problems for the county officials.

I would appreciate any comment you would care to make on those problems.

Sincerely yours,

Usher L. Burdick, m.c.