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## Letter from Representative Burdick to Commissioner John R. Nichols Regarding Fort Berthold Resident Adlai Stevenson's Desire to Sell His House, August 30, 1950

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*United States House of Representatives*

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30 Aug., 1950

Honorable John R. Nichols  
Bureau of Indian Affairs  
Department of the Interior  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Commissioner Nichols:

The letter enclosed herewith was written in behalf of Mr. A. Alai Stevenson, a full-blooded Indian of Fort Berthold, who wants to sell his house before it is flooded over by waters of the Garrison dam.

As you know, a \$12 million appropriation was made to pay these Indians the cost of moving to a new location, and the engineers appraised the land at that time. Apparently the cost of the house is figured separately and is still Mr. Stevenson's to sell.

My question is, Can you not find some authority to permit Mr. Stevenson to sell? The engineers will probably be glad to have it removed to save them the job and if it is left for destruction, no one will be benefitted.

It seems to me there should be some way to allow this aged man to sell the house and get some satisfaction out of the few dollars he might be able to obtain.

Yours very truly,

Usher L. Burdick, n.c.