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**Letter from Senator Langer to Martin Cross Regarding a Report from the Bureau of Indian Affairs Regarding a Resolution Passed by the Three Affiliated Tribes Tribal Business Council, June 8, 1951**

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Fort Berthold

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June 8, 1951

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Hon. Martin Cross  
Chairman, Tribal Council  
Fort Berthold Reservation  
Elbowoods, North Dakota

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Dear Mr. Cross:

Enclosed herewith is the report which I have received from the Bureau of Indian Affairs regarding the resolution passed by the Fort Berthold Tribal Business Council on April 13, 1951.

I was pleased to learn that they had so favorably approved it in the Bureau of Indian Affairs, and I do wish to thank you for bringing it to my attention.

With kindest regards and hoping you are well,  
I am

Sincerely,

WL:smh  
Enc.



UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS  
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

IN REPLY REFER TO:  
Tribal Relations  
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Hon. William Langer

United States Senate

My dear Senator Langer:

I have received your letter of May 16, transmitting a copy of a resolution passed by the Fort Berthold Tribal Business Council on April 13, 1951, authorizing a general program for the use of the \$7,500,000 which was appropriated by the Act of September 27, 1950 (Public Law 843, 81st Congress), as additional compensation to the Three Affiliated Tribes for the taking of allotted and tribal lands located within the area chosen as the site for the Garrison Dam Reservoir.

The original of the resolution was received in this Office on April 17, 1951, and as indicated in the copy of the attached letter was approved by Secretary Chapman on May 4, 1951.

I was personally highly pleased with the fine spirit exhibited by the Fort Berthold Tribal Business Council in developing and approving their program for the use of this money.

Your copy of the resolution is returned.

Sincerely yours,

*D. S. Myer*  
Commissioner

Enclosures



UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY  
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

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Through: Area Director  
Aberdeen Area Office

May 4, 1951

My dear Mr. Cross:

The Commissioner of Indian Affairs has presented to me for consideration a resolution which was passed on April 13, 1951, by the Tribal Business Council of the Three Affiliated Tribes of the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation.

This resolution establishes a general program for the use of \$7,500,000 which was appropriated by the Act of September 27, 1950 (Public Law 843, 81st Congress), as additional compensation to the Three Affiliated Tribes for the taking of allotted and tribal lands located within the area chosen as the site for the Garrison Dam Reservoir. The resolution specifically creates a revolving loan fund of \$2,500,000 for the rehabilitation of enrolled tribal members under progress to be developed by the Tribes and approved by the Commissioner of Indian Affairs and the Secretary of the Interior; authorizes the payment of \$1,000 to each tribal member, resident as well as nonresident; provides that the balance of the fund shall remain on deposit in the United States Treasury to the credit of the Tribes for future purposes; and further authorizes the use of any part of the \$7,500,000 to pay to any tribal member who requests it full payment of his pro rata share in tribal assets in consideration of the relinquishment by that tribal member, his heirs and assigns, of all claims to any future tribal rights, income and assets.

Pursuant to the authority contained in the Act of September 27, 1950, supra, I am hereby approving the proposed use of the \$7,500,000 as set forth in the resolution of April 13, 1951.

I appreciate the difficult problem the Tribal Business Council has had in connection with the apportionment of this fund. I wish to commend the Council for the excellent manner in which it has resolved this problem.

The original of the resolution is herewith returned.

Sincerely yours,

(Sgd) Oscar L. Chapman

Secretary of the Interior

Mr. Martin Cross, Chairman

Fort Berthold Indian Reservation

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