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MARTIN T. CROSS, SR.

Chairman, Tribal Council

THREE AFFILIATED TRIBES

Fort Berthold Reservation

ELBOWOODS, NORTH DAKOTA

January 16, 1953

Senator William Langer
Senate Office Building
Washington, D. C.

Dear Bill:

I am enclosing herewith a copy of resolution adopted by the Three Affiliated Tribes pertaining to their endorsement of candidate for Commissioner of Indian Affairs. The resolution is self-explanatory.

I am quite disturbed to learn that present Commissioner of Indian Affairs Dillon S. Myer is campaigning to stay on the job.

I am quite interested in this subject of who will be picked by President-elect Eisenhower for his next Commissioner of Indian Affairs.

I mailed the original and two copies of this resolution endorsing Ed Mulligan to Arthur E. Summerfield quite some time ago.

It seems that quite a number of candidates have been presented to the new President for his consideration. I understand that the process of sorting them out is taking place now.

Of course, I am for Ed Milligan, but it is hard telling who will get the job. Anything you can do for Ed will be appreciated. At any rate, I wanted to be in on the final selection. I will swing my support to any man closest to my home.

I want to ask you to use your fullest extent to oppose the retention of Dillon Myer.

Sincerely I am,


Martin Cross

Encl: resolution

copy

THREE AFFILIATED TRIBES
FORT BERTHOLD INDIAN RESERVATION

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS; we the Indians on Fort Berthold Reservation known as the Hidatsa (Gros Ventre), Mandans and Arikara tribes have allied ourselves together as a political and economic group as early as the year 1825, and

WHEREAS; we have reaffirmed this alliance by embracing the Indian Reorganization Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat. 984), as amended by the Act of June 15, 1935 (49 Stat. 378), and we are now recognized as the Three Affiliated Tribes of the Fort Berthold Reservation, and

WHEREAS; we have participated as a legal voters in the Elections conducted both in the State and National level for candidates and issues confronting the general public, and

WHEREAS; the Republican party in its party platform adopted at Chicago convention pledged to welcome the advise of the Indian leaders in selection of Indian Commissioner, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, by the Three Affiliated Tribes in assembly held this 27 day of December, 1952 at Elbowoods, North Dakota that we do hereby endorse and recommend to the Republican Party and the President elect Eisenhower that Edward A. Milligan of Bottineau, North Dakota be appointed as Commissioner of Indian Affairs.

We cite the following qualifications:

1. He is a veteran of World War II.
2. Past Department Commander of the American Legion for the State of North Dakota.
3. He is interested in the general welfare of the Indians.
4. He is a Republican.
5. He is a graduate of University of North Dakota.

CERTIFICATION

We, the undersigned, Chairman and Secretary of the general council held this 27th day of December, 1952 that the above worded resolution was read to the assembly and on motion made and duly seconded was adopted by the affirmative vote of 50 for and 0 against. We as presiding officer of this meeting certify that the votes as given is true and correct.

Attest: (Sgd.) Ernest Wilkinson Jr
Secretary

(Sgd.) David Painte
Chairman