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16 July 1958

Honorable William Langer
United States Senate
Washington 25, D. C.

Handwritten initials

Dear Senator Langer:

Knowing your special interest in land acquisition for the Garrison Dam and Reservoir I am happy to report that this phase of the project is virtually complete.

I have just released to the North Dakota press for publication on or after 21 July 1958, information that the Corps of Engineers has now acquired all authorized lands amounting to 462,850 acres at a cost of \$21,188,000. This acquisition program has been in progress for the past 12 years. During this time a total of 3324 tracts were acquired, 1350 of them within the Ft. Berthold Indian Reservation.

The program also involved the acquisition of three towns, Elbowoods, Sanish and Van Hook. Many of the individuals and business establishments, including the Ft. Berthold Indian Agency relocated into the consolidated municipality of New Town. The purchase of the Lewis and Clark and part of the Buford-Trenton Irrigation Districts near Williston comprised the last major phase of acquisition. A few title clearance problems and pending compensation matters remain to complete the real estate acquisition.

I will be pleased to furnish you such additional information you desire, on request.

Sincerely yours,

Handwritten signature of Lynn W. Pine

LYNN W. PINE
Colonel, CE
District Engineer