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THREE AFFILIATED TRIBES HEADQUARTERS — ELBOWOODS, NORTH DAKOTA TELEPHONE 2411

Superintendent Ben Reifel

Beulah North Dakota March 20.1947

Senator William Langer Washington, D.C. Dear Sen.Langer;

It has come to my attention that you have been corresponding with Mr. Eli Perkins concerning the abolishment of the Indian Bureau and the securing of the rights as *r* citizens for a certain group of this jurisdiction.

Mr.Langer you are well acquainted with many of the boys of this Reservation and I havef the firm believe that you must know Eli Perkins as well as I do. The best thing you can do for me is to ignore Mr. Perkins altogether concerning the Tribal affairs.As you are well aware that Mr. Perkins has no voice in the Tribal matters.If you wish to find anything out concerning the gerneral sentiment of the Indians of this Reservation, I, being Chairman of the Tribal Business Couchcil, will be in better position to tell you than Mr.Perkins.

I hope that you are doing all you can for us in our opposition to the construction of the Garrison Dam. Very Sincerely Yours

George Gillette Chairman of the Tribal Business Council

Members Of The Council Earl Bateman

James Baker Rufus Stevenson Floyd Montclair Levi Waters Leo Young Wolf