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Cross, Martin

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July 29, 1954.

Hon. Martin Cross,  
Chairman, Affiliated Tribes,  
Elbowoods, North Dakota.

Dear Mr. Cross:

Enclosed herewith is the report I have from the Assistant Secretary of the Department of the Interior with regard to leasing of lands formerly owned by your people for oil and gas purposes.

It was a pleasure to check on this for you and I am delighted to be able to send you this favorable information.

With kind regards and hoping you are well and happy, I am

Sincerely,

WL:asd.  
enclosure.



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

JUL 16 1954

My dear Senator Langer:

This supplements our letter to you of June 14, regarding the leasing of lands formerly owned by the Fort Berthold Indians for oil and gas purposes.

I am informed by the Bureau of Land Management that action on pending oil and gas lease applications for lands acquired in connection with the Garrison Dam and Reservoir Project has been suspended pending final disposition of legislation to return the oil and gas rights and interests in such lands to the former owners.

Sincerely yours,

(sgd) Orme Lewis

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