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Letter from Senator Langer to A. N. Winge Regarding the Legality of the Condemnation Process, May 7, 1952

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May 7, 1952.

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Mrs. A. N. Winge,
Van Hook,
North Dakota.

Dear Mrs. Winge:

Your letter of April 28 has arrived and it is extremely difficult to advise you concerning this matter from this end.

It would seem to me that an action has been instituted in the Federal Court for the condemnation of the land and under such circumstances there is nothing that anyone here can do to be of help to you as that is within the hands of the courts. It seems that you should have your own attorney look into this matter to determine whether you were adequately paid or if the land was necessary to be taken in connection with the condemnation. I do not advise you to see Mr. Lashkowitz or any other attorney connected with the Government. While many of them are very fine men and are trying to do their job the best they know how, we must not forget they are representing the Government and, therefore, may be a little too zealous in driving the best bargain they can for the Government.

I feel that you should have your own private attorney look after your interest and he really is the only one that can do anything for you. If your attorney runs into some snag and feels I can give him any help from this end, I assure you that I will do everything I possibly can but there are certain limitations to the things we here in Washington can accomplish and one of them is that we cannot interfere with the courts once they acquire jurisdiction in a case. I would suggest, therefore, that you see your attorney immediately and, if your attorney has any matters that he thinks I can be helpful in, please tell him not to hesitate to get in touch with me and you may rest assured I will give it my best attention.

With kind regards and hoping you are well, I am

Sincerely,

WL ams.

Dictated by H. A. Mackoff