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## Letter from William Beyer to Senator Langer Regarding the Start of the Stamp Program, January 7, 1942

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UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS  
FIELD SERVICE

Fort Berthold Agency  
Elbowoods, N. Dakota  
January 7, 1942

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

Dear Mr. Senator:

This will acknowledge your telegram of the 5th inst., inquiring whether the stamp relief plan is benefiting our Indians. In reply wish to state that we have just begun on the stamp plan on the first of this month. Our monthly consignment of stamps was just received about two days ago. Therefore it is not possible to state from experience how this plan will work. We believe, however, that it will be a considerable improvement over the issuing of actual relief commodities. It has been found very expensive to purchase relief supplies, to haul them from our shipping point, and then distribute them to the various seven districts of the reservation. There has also been some loss through spoilage under this old system.

Under the stamp plan we believe the Indians can get more nearly the various items of supplies they need and also in the amounts they desire.

Unfortunately, the unauthorized delegation who visited Washington recently brought back some erroneous information concerning the stamp plan. These misunderstandings, I believe, have now been corrected and we anticipate good results from the stamp relief plan.

Sincerely yours,



W. R. Beyer,  
Superintendent.

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