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*Fort Berthold Indian
Reservation*

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February 18, 1950

CR-N.D. Public Welf. Bd

Hon. Carlyle D. Onsrud
Executive Director
Public Welfare Board of North Dakota
Bismarck, North Dakota

Dear Mr. Onsrud:

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Enclosed herewith is a letter I have received from Mr. M. A. Kirkeide, County Extension Agent, Mountrail County, Stanley, North Dakota, relative to the situation of food and clothing of the Indians on the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation.

I would greatly appreciate it if you would have this matter checked into very carefully and advise me at your earliest convenience just what can be done to help these Indians. Please return the enclosed letter to me with your reply.

Hoping that you are well and happy, and with kindest regards, I am

Sincerely,

WL:ajm
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STANLEY, NORTH DAKOTA

January 30, 1950

Honorable Senator Wm. Langer
United State Senate
Washington, D. C.

Dear Senator Langer:

The food and clothing situation of the Indians on the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation has been brought to my attention by a Rev. P. C. Petersen, Van Hook, North Dakota.

I don't know as it is my place as a County Extension Agent to start any action on this, but I promised Rev. Petersen I would write to you. Rev. Petersen, who serves part of the area as a Minister, says he has visited the homes and he feels that unless the Indians are given more food some of them will starve to death this winter.

We are aware of the fact that they have their agency down there, but the fact remains according to Rev. Petersen, that some of the Indians are definitely in need of food and clothing.

We are wondering if more of North Dakota's surplus potatoes cannot be shipped in there and distributed to help relieve the situation. Rev. Petersen stated that some had been shipped into Elbow Woods, but the Indians living at Sanish and Shell Village, which is some distance away, had not received any.

We should appreciate if you can give this matter your prompt attention.

Respectfully yours,

M. A. Kirkeide

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COUNTY EXTENSION AGENT
MOUNTRAIL COUNTY N DAK

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