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Trinity Hospital

MINOT, NORTH DAKOTA

February 19th 1955

HENRY LAHAUG
ADMINISTRATOR

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Honorable Senator Langer,
Washington D.C.

Dear Senator Langer:

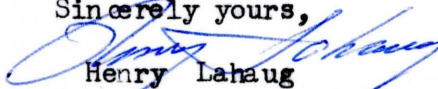
The Fort Berthold Indians are trying to set up a prepayment group insurance plan to cover their doctor and hospital bills.

The North Dakota Blue Cross, which is a nonprofit hospital and medical service plan, has offered to cover all the Indians at a reasonable cost. The plan offered by Blue Cross would give the Indians the best Medical and Hospital insurance coverage available today in North Dakota.

The hospitals in North Dakota have recommended that the Indians take out this type of protection and we understand that the Indians are trying to set up a health plan where the Federal Government pay the share it is now paying for the Indians' health services and that the balance be paid out of tribal funds. We also understand that this plan will need the O.K. from Federal Authorities.

We would appreciate very much any assistance you might be able to render in obtaining the approval of the Health Plan for the Fort Berthold Indians. The coverage thru Blue Cross and Blue Shield would be to the benefit of both hospitals and the Indians.

Sincerely yours,



Henry Lahaug

Chairman of the Prepayment Committee of
the North Dakota Hospital Association.