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ELBOWOODS, NORTH DAKOTA

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PLEASE RETURN TO
SENATOR LANGER
(lhr)

Sen William Langer
Senate Bldg
Washington D C

Re; New law meeting
a part of the moving expense
for displaced people—Garrison Dam

Dear Senator Langer:

It looks as if we who have been cooperative with the United State Army Engineers in their acquisition of lands along the Missouri River, are being penalized. With this new law, to reimburse both owners and tenants for moving expenses, it would seem that in all fairness it should apply to ourselves.

On June 2nd 1950—Tr No J-874 consisting of the Indian Mission Center and three Indian Churches were ~~were~~ purchased from the American Missionary Assn with offices in N Y City. That was the date of the option. Then I just learned that same went thru the courts and settlement was made in March of 1951. We could have taken the other course of fighting against this settlement and still retained title but cooperated. It seems to me that this new Law should apply to us when the appraisal of the property is only half enough with which to relocate. Furthermore the costs a relocation has doubled in this period of waiting.

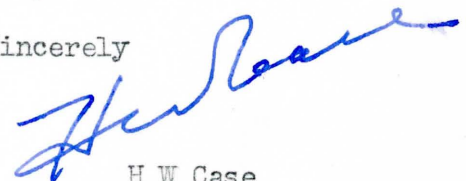
Then in February of 1952, we received the check for TR # L 1096 for the Independence Congregational Church, an Incorporated Indian Church. It seems to me that these people should also benefit from this law.

Then November 1951 I believe, a check came for TR # J-817, Civil #2345 for the Arickara Congregational Church, also an incorporated body. These folks should also be included.

I want your advice as to whether you feel that we should be included and also to ask you to send me a copy of the law. If we are not to be included, it will prove a bitter disappointment, in view of the fact that we have bent over backwards in our effort to cooperate and don't wish to be penalized for doing it.

Awaiting your advice and appreciating your cooperation, I remain

Sincerely



H W Case