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Letter from Arne Tollefson to Senator Langer Regarding Federal Funding for Road Construction, December 2, 1952

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Office of the County Auditor

McKenzie County

Watford City, North Dakota

Dec. 2, 1952

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Senator Wm. Langer,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Senator Langer:

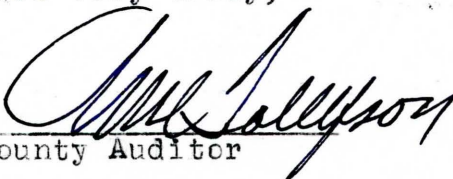
At the request of the Board of County Commissioners of McKenzie County I am forwarding you a copy of a resolution of the Board relative to the construction of a road from the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation to connect with North Dakota No. 23.

This road is made necessary by the construction of the Garrison Dam and the relocation of the Indian population on the Reservation. The Board therefore feels that this road should be constructed at Federal expense since it will not be of great use to the people of the county generally.

We are therefore asking you to kindly use your influence to facilitate the construction of this road without the county assuming an unnecessary burden.

Thanking you for your help, I am

Yours very truly,


County Auditor

RESOLUTION REGARDING CONNECTING
ROAD WITH RESERVATION SYSTEM

WHEREAS, By reason of the establishment of the Garrison Dam Reservoir a large portion of the Indian population in the Fort Berthold Reservation has been relocated on the west side of the Missouri River and in McKenzie and Dunn Counties, which portion of the Reservation has been used mainly for grazing, and

WHEREAS An extensive road system within the Reservation is under consideration to serve such relocated Indian population, such system providing for a road to the west boundary of the Reservation at the point of intersection of such west boundary line with the section line common to Sections 13 and 24 in Township 150 N. of Range 95 W., which point is about 7½ miles east of North Dakota No. 23, about 24 miles east of Watford City, and

WHEREAS Such section of road from the Reservation west is required to be of high standard and an all weather road to provide highway facilities for the people within the Reservation and access to hospital facilities and doctors' services at Watford City, since we are informed that arrangements have been made for hospitalization of a portion of the Reservation Indian population at the McKenzie County Memorial Hospital at that place, and

WHEREAS McKenzie County has an annual tax levy for road and bridge purposes of only about \$36,000.00 to serve an area larger than the State of Delaware and is not financially able to participate greatly to the construction of such connecting road from the Reservation North Dakota Highway No. 23 at Johnson's Corners,

NOW THEREFORE, We the Board of County Commissioners of McKenzie County respectfully urge that such road be constructed as a part of the road system made necessary by the building of the Garrison Dam and that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Lt. Col. R. J. B. Page, District Engineer, Garrison Dist. U. S. Corps of Engineers, Ft. Lincoln, Bismarck, North Dakota.

Adopted this 2nd day of December, 1952.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MCKENZIE CO.

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ATTEST:

Paul Layton
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