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August 14, 1956

Hon. Rollo Jones
Box 507
Parshall, North Dakota

Dear Mr. Jones:

A report has just reached me from the Area Office in Aberdeen, South Dakota relative to my recent inquiry in your behalf concerning the per capita payment matter. This report reads in part as follows:

"Six representatives of the Three Affiliated Tribes, Fort Berthold jurisdiction, met in the Area Director's office during the afternoon of July 16, 1956 to discuss the tribal membership roll as is required by Public Law 553. These members were informed that additional information must be furnished before the tribal membership roll can be completed and approved by the Secretary of the Interior. However, two copies of the roll as prepared by a committee of the Council and a list of applicants for enrollment rejected by the committee were submitted to the Washington office on July 19, 1956 upon the insistence of the Council representatives. The Council was told again on July 20, 1956 by letter that no per capita payment will be authorized until the additional information is obtained."

It would appear that until this further information has been furnished to the Area Office, no action will be taken on these per capita payments. I would certainly suggest that the matter be brought to the attention of the Council for their action at once.

With my very kindest regards and just every good wish,
I am

Sincerely,

WL:mjb