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Letter from Fred Aandahl to Senator Langer Regarding per Capita Payments, May 13, 1955

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UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

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MAY 13 1955

My dear Senator Langer:

A discussion was recently held relative to the use of the residue of funds received by the Three Affiliated Tribes of the Fort Berthold Reservation, North Dakota, under the Act of October 29, 1949, 81st Congress (63 Stat. 1026). This meeting was held in Senator Young's office, attended by you, Senator Young and Congressman Krueger, the Fort Berthold delegation, Commissioner Emmons and Assistant Secretary Lewis. To expedite the distribution of such funds, we agreed to draft a proposed bill to provide for the segregation of their funds on the basis of a membership roll prepared for such purpose. A copy of the proposed bill is enclosed. This draft is submitted in response to your request and no commitment is made regarding the position of this Department or the President.

I am also writing a similar letter to Senator Young transmitting a copy of the proposed bill.

Sincerely yours,

Fred S. Randahl

Assistant

Secretary of the Interior

Hon. William Langer
United States Senate
Washington 25, D. C.

Enclosure

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A BILL

To provide for the segregation of certain funds of the Fort Berthold Indians on the basis of a membership roll prepared for such purpose.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Interior is authorized and directed to segregate the fund on deposit in the Treasury of the United States titled, "The Three Affiliated Tribes of Fort Berthold Reservation, North Dakota," on the basis of a membership roll prepared for that purpose and approved by the Secretary. The segregated shares of adults, including interest accruals thereon, shall be subject to expenditure in accordance with plans prepared and submitted by such adults and approved by the Secretary. The segregated shares, including interest accruals thereon, of persons who are minors or non compos mentis shall be subject to expenditure in accordance with procedures approved by the Secretary. The Secretary may require any segregated share of a member to be used to pay a debt that is owed by such person to the Tribes or to the United States and that is due and payable.