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No race can progress in slavery.

November 25, 1945.

Honorable William Langer, Senate Office Building, Washington D. C.

Dear Bill:

I have a letter from Mr. Martin T. Cross and he states that the Tribal Council has decided to hire Major Ralph Hoyt Case of Washington, D. C., to prosecute their cause against the Government. I am very much pleased to know that they have selected Mr. Case to represent them.

This is the gentleman that I told you I have known for a good many years, when I talked with you over the telephone from Hartford, and also when I was at your office in Washington. Don't you remember that I highly recommended Attorney Case to you and said that I know of no other lawyer who could equal the Major in the prosecution of Indian claims.

If Mr. Case fails, which I don't believe he will, but if he does, there is no other lawyer that I know of who could successfully win this case for the Indians. I hold the highest respect and confidence in Attorney Case and I know he will be honest and truthfull in all his doings for these Indians.

I am also writing a letter to Mr. Case. I know this much, the Indians will never regret the day that they selected this outstanding Attorney for their cause.

I shall be very glad to hear from you again at your earliest possible convenience, and if there is anything further you wish me to do, I shall be glad to offer my services for this great cause.

Best regards to you and your family.

Very respectfully,

I heard that you made a speedy trip to North Dakota.

John.

Elbowoods, North Dakota November 20, 1945.

Mr. John E. Hamilton, Hartford, Conn.

My dear Mr. Hamilton:

This is to inform you that the Council has decided to hire Mr. Ralph H. Case of Washington, D. C., to prosecute our case.

I do hope that you get in touch with him and get his views on his outline of the procedure that he wishes to use now.

I am sorry that we didn't get to see you personally but since our funds and time was limited we were unable to come to Hartford as you suggested, but I am sure we will meet sooner or later, on this matter.

Hope you will write again.

Respectfully,

Signed: Martin Cross.