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This guy is dangerous



SUNRISE RANCH

H. F. Gierke Jr., Owner

June 18 1950

Watford City, North Dakota



Hon. Wm Langer;
Washington D.C.
Dear Senator;

For the past several yrs. the Ft Berthold Indians have known they were going to have to move but the deal was not completed and they couldnt move, however that is changed, they are anxious to move but are forced to waste a yr because the Govt want tell them where the new agency will be located, where the roads will be, where the schools, churchese etc will be.

Five yrs ago I wrote Sen Young telling him there was millions of \$ worth of timber in the bottoms to be covered, also that said timber was desperately needed in this state particularly at that time, but as far as I know there hasnt been a damn foot salvaged as yet. Some of these timber bottoms are on the reservation and a good many indians want those logs to build with but there are no roads into the bottoms.-- Now, and I mean Now'' Why dont they lay out the towns, roads, schools, wells and bulldoze roads into those bottoms so the Indians who have ambition can go ahead.

Another thing I want to call your attention to is the fact that the Govt is making FHA loans, or something similar to indians for farm machinery. I dont believe there is an indian on that reservation who can even lubricate a tractor, not because of lack of intelligence, but because of lack of instruction. It is financial suicide.

In reply to your questions on the telephone situation, - we have none we would be glad to have one if we can get even 1/2 of a fair price for our produce so we can pay for it.

Resp, Yours-

Herman
H. F. Gierke JR.

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