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Letter from Senator Langer to John Hart Regarding an Industrial Development Program, July 23, 1958

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July 23, 1958

M
Hon. John Hart
Executive Director
Bureau of Indian Affairs
Rolla, North Dakota

Dear John:

Enclosed herewith is a copy of the letter I have received from the Bureau of Indian Affairs concerning the establishment of a position of Assistant Area Industrial Development Specialist at Bismarck.

I thought you may be interested in having this in case you have not already seen it.

With every good wish, I am

Sincerely,

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IN REPLY REFER TO:

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

Industrial
Development

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JUL 22 1958

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

Dear Senator Langer:

We are aware of your interest in the Industrial Development Program of the Bureau of Indian Affairs, particularly in North Dakota. We are, therefore, pleased to tell you that we have recently completed arrangements to establish a position of Assistant Area Industrial Development Specialist in Bismarck, North Dakota.

Briefly, the arrangements are that the position will be headquartered in the office of Mr. Lawrence A. Schneider, Director, North Dakota Economic Development Commission at Bismarck. The employee will be a member of the staff of our Area Office at Aberdeen, South Dakota, under the general direction of the Area Director, payrolled in the regular manner and subject to Civil Service Commission rules and regulations. He will work on programs that have been developed jointly between the North Dakota Economic Development Commission and the Aberdeen Area Office. The North Dakota Economic Development Commission will provide office space, secretarial and telephone service, as well as office supplies, while the Bureau of Indian Affairs will pay the salary and traveling expenses of the employee.

It is our desire to work in close cooperation with the North Dakota Economic Development Commission and we believe that our programs for Indian industrial development will achieve their greatest degree of success if there is the fullest cooperation and support of all interested parties. We are looking forward to excellent results from this arrangement.

We believe you will also be interested in knowing that our Branch of Industrial Development has recently been expanded so that positions of Area Industrial Development Specialists have been established in six of our Area Offices, including the Aberdeen Area Office which covers North Dakota. Mr. Stanley R. Thomas, our Area Industrial Development Specialist at Aberdeen, has been working with the local community organizations, tribal leaders, and State organizations in their efforts to expand job opportunities for the Indian people through their industrial development programs. They are assembling information, for presentation to industry,

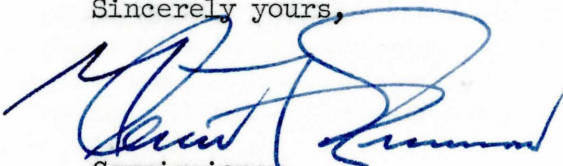
such as the availability of building space, housing, transportation, labor, water, power, recreational and cultural facilities, as well as the tax structure and other factors which would be determining considerations in the selection of a plant site.

At the same time, we have Industrial Development Specialists in the field who are maintaining contact with industry and act in a liaison capacity in bringing the assembled information, which gives a picture of what the communities have to offer, to the attention of those industries evidencing interest in plant sites.

In addition, as you know, we have available an On-the-job Training Program, as authorized by Public Law 959, 84th Congress, for the training of Indians by industries having acceptable training programs. The industry is reimbursed for the training at an agreed rate.

If there is any additional information you desire or questions you may have, please let us hear from you. We would also be glad to have Mr. J. N. Lowe, Chief of our Branch of Industrial Development, discuss our Industrial Development Program, in general, with you or members of your staff.

Sincerely yours,



Commissioner