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IN REPLY REFER TO:
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UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

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Hon. Usher L. Burdick
House of Representatives

My dear Mr. Burdick:

Your letter of July 17, 1950, indicates your support of the objectives as set forth in the resolution of the Advisory Committee of the Turtle Mountain Chippewas. It discusses the matter of employment and urges that projects be set up as enumerated to provide employment for the fall and winter.

With the passage of the appropriation act, Indian Service funds will be available for carrying on some road work on the reservation. To what extent, if any, this may be affected by any reduction in the appropriations for non-defense agencies, I am unable to determine at this time. The other projects would require specific appropriations since we have no money for such activities.

No doubt employment will be stepped up considerably by reason of the funds being made available to defense agencies. Our Placement Units in the Aberdeen and other area offices will certainly do everything possible to assist in placing these Indians in available jobs. I am asking Area Director Spaulding to have in mind the needs of the Indians at Turtle Mountain.

The resolution is returned for your files.

Sincerely yours,

D. S. Myer
Commissioner

Enclosure