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May 13, 1947

Hon, Earl W. Bateman Elbowoods, North Dakota

Dear Mr. Bateman:

This will acknowledge and thank you for your recent letter requesting information on the present status of the Garrison Dam Project.

I am doing everything I can to get additional appropriations for the construction of the dam. The bill providing for such funds is still pending before the House Committee on Appropriations, but I expect it to be reported to the Floor shortly. I certainly hope we can go ahead with the project without interuption, but as you probably know, there is a move on in this Congress to cut down the funds for all public works projects.

As Chairman of the Senate Committee on Civil Service, I have caused an investigation to be made of the Bureau of Indian Affairs in the Department of the Interior. I believe that this Bureau should be abolished, and that the rights of the Indians should be restored to them.

In that connection, you will be glad to know that I plan to introduce a bill within the next few days to see that the rights of the Indians are more properly safeguarded, and to take them out from under the yoke of the Indian Bureau.



Please let me hear from you again whenever I can be of service.

I hope that you are well and happy and wish to extend to you my kindest regards and best wishes.

Sincerely.

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