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Garrison Dam

February 9, 1955

Hon. R. C. Sannes
Watford City
North Dakota

Dear Friend:

Thank you for your letter of recent date in which you request information concerning a law passed by the Congress "paying for the moving of our buildings from the land taken by the Government for the Garrison Dam".

The particular law to which I think you refer was a part of the Civil Functions Appropriation Act of October 21, 1951. That Act provided for reimbursement of those persons who did not own the property on which they operated their business or lived, but who had made improvements on such land which would be rendered useless by the construction of the Garrison Dam, Reimbursement was limited to the fair value of the improvements or the cost of moving such improvements to the site of the new town, whichever was less.

Those of you who owned land on which improvements had been erected were supposed to receive compensation for the taking of both the land and the improvements while the persons referred to in the statute would have received absolutely nothing had not this special exception been made.

I hope this information fulfills your request, but if not, please let me know and I will be glad to do what I can.

With kindest regards and just every good wish to you, I am

Sincerely,

WILLIAM LANGER

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