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## Letter from Owen D. Morken to Senator Langer Regarding Disbursement of Segregated Shares as Provided for in US Public Law 553, May 16, 1957

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IN REPLY REFER TO:



UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS  
Fort Berthold Agency  
New Town, North Dakota  
May 16, 1957

Through Area Director, Aberdeen

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

My dear Senator Langer:

The plans and procedures governing the disbursement of the segregated shares to members of the Three Affiliated Tribes of the Fort Berthold Reservation, as provided for in Public Law 553, enacted June 4, 1956, 84th Congress, are being sent you for your information. The present status of the segregated share payment is explained in the attached sheets. This information was sent to all enrolled members of the Three Affiliated Tribes on May 2, 1957.

It is the present planning of the Fort Berthold Agency to process all applications as quickly as possible following the receipt of these plans from each individual.

It is also the plan of the agency to consult with each family living on the reservation regarding the formulation of a worthwhile plan to utilize their respective share of the segregated payment. The agency staff will be fully utilized to carry out this work with the least amount of lost motion.

Staff members will be detailed to various segments on the reservation to assist the individual members of the tribe to formulate their program. Each member will be encouraged to program his or her indebtedness in order to establish a healthy credit rating in their communities.

Every effort is being made to cooperate with state and county welfare agencies to formulate working agreements which will be beneficial to our Indian people, and, also be satisfactory with state and county welfare policies.

Use of minors' funds for educational purposes will be programmed in accordance with plans submitted for that purpose. It will be the policy of the agency staff to encourage such programming and assist in developing suitable budgets.

Members of the Three Affiliated Tribes living away from the reservation will be afforded the opportunity of formulating their plans for submittal to the Superintendent of this agency, using copies of the attached plans and procedures as guide lines for such programs.

Your interest in the Fort Berthold Reservation and its people is much appreciated, and we wish to take this opportunity in expressing our thanks to you.

Sincerely yours,



Owen D. Morken  
Superintendent

Attachments

Noted:



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Area Director, Aberdeen