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## Unsigned Resolution from Members of the Three Affiliated Tribes Requesting Removal of James E. Curry as Tribal Attorney, March 5, 1952

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RESOLUTION

Whereas, we, the representatives of the dissatisfied Indians on the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation of North Dakota, with power to represent these people and carry out their wishes, and

Whereas, we are in receipt of letters and telegrams advising us to make an effort to have James E. Curry removed as the Attorney for the Indians of the Fort Berthold Reservation, and

Whereas, we deem it our duty to present a resolution to the Honorable Oscar Chapman, Secretary of the Interior for the removal of the said James E. Curry,

Therefore, we, as the representatives of the dissatisfied Indians on said Reservation, hereby

Resolve, that the Honorable Secretary of the Interior be requested to investigate this matter, and if compatible with the best interest of all the Indians on said Reservation, that the said James E. Curry be removed as attorney for said Indians.

Dated March 5, 1952.

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BASIS of this Complaint, as received from the dissatisfied Indians, is as follows:

1st That said Curry represents the Tribal Council of said Indians and that the dissatisfied Indians complain that said Tribal Council is expending tribal funds in an unauthorized manner, and in amounts not justified, and that with such attorney they have no attorney to represent them in the matter of the investigation of the expenditures incurred and being incurred by the Tribal Council

- 2nd. That funds due Indians from payments made by the government for the flooding of Indian Lands by the Garrison Reservoir in North Dakota are being withheld by the Tribal Council and the Indian Agent.
- 3rd. That allotted lands are being sold without the knowledge and consent of the individual allottees.
- 4th. That tribal funds, under the control of the Tribal Council, are being used in making loans to Indians, in which loans favoritism is being shown and that losses will be incurred on such loans; that other worthy Indians are not able to secure loans.
- 5th. That the dissatisfied Indians do not know whether their right to minerals in lands to be submerged were ever retained for the benefit of the Indians or not; nor can they find out anything definite about this matter.

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