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INDIANS OF FIVE RESERVATIONS  
from  
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Comparison of Appraised Values  
of Indian Properties  
and of Estimated  
Costs of Re-establishing Displaced Families,  
Timber, Wildlife, and Wild Product Losses,  
and Potential and Intangible Damages  
to Indians at  
Fort Berthold, Cheyenne River, Standing Rock,  
Crow Creek, and Lower Brule Reservations  
from  
Garrison, Oahe, and Fort Randall Reservoir Takings  
North Dakota and South Dakota

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## FOREWORD

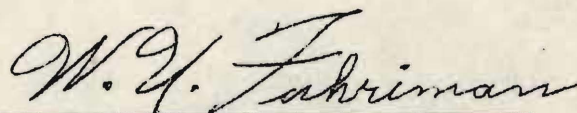
Indian properties on a number of reservations in North Dakota and South Dakota are needed for the Garrison, Oahe, and Fort Randall Dam and Reservoir Projects being constructed by the United States Corps of Engineers on the Missouri River. Fort Berthold Indian properties needed for the Garrison Project have already been acquired and settlement for them has been made.

This report is concerned with settlement for damages on the four reservations affected by the Oahe and Fort Randall Projects--Standing Rock, Cheyenne River, Crow Creek, and Lower Brule. It contains appraised values of Indian properties needed for the reservoirs and estimates of the cost of moving and re-establishing Indian families residing in the areas to be flooded. It also presents monetary estimates of other damages likely to arise from the reservoir takings. Although not entirely adequate in all cases, substantial data were available for estimating most damages, except intangibles. Details given regarding procedures and data used in determining damages should enable the critical reader to make an independent evaluation of the estimates presented.

The discussion and estimates in the report do not represent the official position of the Bureau of Indian Affairs. They are not final or conclusive but rather are intended to provide one basis for further negotiation directed to settlements, between the Indians involved and the United States, for Indian properties to be taken and for damages likely to be sustained by Indians.

The report deals only with damages to Indians and their properties. Damages to Government properties such as schools, administration buildings, roads, and the hospital at the Cheyenne River Agency in which the Tribe has a financial interest, are not included. Neither are damages to non-Indian properties and institutions, such as churches, business establishments, and public utilities.

Benefits from these great construction projects are not considered in this report. They are likely to flow largely to non-Indians outside the reservation, but people on the reservations also may receive substantial benefit.



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