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Osage, Oklahoma
January 15, 1968

Mr. Fred R. Harris
United States Senator
Washington, 25, D. C.

Dear Senator Harris:

I appreciate your letter of January 9, 1968 relative to the \$70,000 loan from the Farmers Home Administration to supplement our water system.

We feel this loan has been delayed a long period of time. We do not understand this delay. Unless as the County Supervisor of FHA, Bluford Miller III, stated in a meeting here with the Osage Public Works Authority and other interested Town's people that Osage did not need a water system and the he was not interested in such a situation as the Town would not grow.

We thought this quite odd coming from a man who is supposed to be working for the interest of the people. It is known far and wide that the present water system in Osage is inadequate, the water has too much salt and solids for proper human consumption. This is according to the Oklahoma State Health Department.

So it is a necessity that we have some relief in the near future. We have qualified according to law. We set up and organized the Public Works Authority and it has been accepted by the FHA. We believe the FHA, as a whole, wants to do the thing which it is set up to do. We think this is more less petty, coming from the County set up of FHA. I believe have filed the necessary papers to get the loan underway and we shall appreciate any help you might give in that direction because it is just as important to take care of a small situation as Osage, as it is to take care of a large situation. People here eat, breathe and drink water just as anywhere else. We do not like to be promised this and that, try to go along with it, and nothing come of it.

Thank you, again, for your letter of January 9, 1968. With kindest regards,

Sincerely yours,
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