

Bismarck, N.D.

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Hill to [O.] Taylor

"We have reason to think that the present officers of the Interior Department will decide according to law and not as may be dictated by the P.S. and L S Land Co. In fact we think day is dawning. If you do anything be sure and make all the points against the other party (Sweet & Co.) as strong as possible. The present heads of the Dept are down on Mendenhalls management of the clerks &c and are prepared to hear of any amt of dark practices along the Line. In a word we think they understand the 'true inwardness' of the Delano and Cowan management and are reversing their decisions as fast as they come to them. The fact that in the whole case neither

principals or witnesses appear for the Townsite except the old G.W. Swe party together with the agreement from McLean which gives the P.S. Co. nearly all the land can we think be freely commented upon." I must go to Montreal on Tuesday.

Hill & Acker, Letterbook 11/19/75-5/13/76, p.31