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MOTELS

RE: Tourist Camp or Hotel?

In your letter of September 10, 1954, you ask whether or not an L shaped, fifteen unit structure, connected only by walls, may be properly classified as a hotel and not as tourist cabins.

The "motels", as we know them today, are the outgrowth of the tourist courts of years ago, keeping pace with modern living and transportation. While the applicable sections of the North Dakota Revised Code are not too clear on this matter, and should be clarified by legislative enactment, it is our opinion that "motels", or units such as you have described to us, properly come within the definition of tourist camps as set forth in section 23-1001 of the North Dakota Revised Code of 1943.

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