Ottawa, December 7, 1915.

Sir. ...

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 3rd inst. reporting that Chief Short Bear, of the Long Plain band, is entitled to two councillors, two councillors having been dismissed ten or twelve years ago and their places not having since been filled.

In reply I beg to say that according to the Department's list of chiefs and councillors this band has still two councillors, namely, Tahbiskoogishicaht, appointed in 1892, and Assimiboine, No. 33, appointed in 1910. If this record is correct, this band is not entitled to another councillor: in order to be entitled to three councillors, a band must have a membership of more than 200; according to the census just published this band has a population of only 113.

Your obedient servant,

Assistant Deputy and Secretary

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