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August 4, 1933.

Dear Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of Departmental letter dated July 20th, ultimo, No. 74-150-2, enclosing copy of a letter received from Mr. Indian Agent Ball at Vancouver, dated July 15th, ultimo, with reference to the purchase of salmon from the Coast Indians for supply to Interior Indians for winter food. In reply thereto I beg to say that up to the present date no application has been received at this office from Mr. Ball for my approval and recommendation with respect to the purchase of fish for the coming winter and I have therefore written to him asking him to advise me what requisitions have been received by him, if any, from the Interior Agents. When I hear from Mr. Ball I will again advise the Department.

I do not understand why Mr. Ball asks for fish for the Upper Skeena since the Department has recently been good enough to authorize the purchase of three tons of coarse salt by Mr. Agent Mortimer of Hazelton to be used for the salting of fish by the Indians of his Agency for winter food.

It is considered that the contents of the second paragraph of Mr. Ball's letter are irrelevant and unnecessary.

Your obedient servant,

C. C. Perry,
Asst. Indian Commissioner for B.C.

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The Secretary,
Department of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, Ont.

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