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Ottawa, 31st December, 1909.

Sir,-

With reference to previous correspondence regarding the disposition of the yoke of oxen which theIndian Emile Kakakoway received on loan from the Department, I beg to say that the explanations submitted by you in the matter are far from satisfactory. The main fact to which the Department takes exception, and of which it would seem you have lost sight, is that the Indian disposed of both the oxen intrusted to him (for the safeguarding of which you as Agent were responsible) and personally used the proceeds, with the exception of $4.00 credited to the Bull Fund. Moreover the Department was led to believe that the beef sold by the Indian to the Department was actually his own property, while as a matter of fact a portion of it was the proceeds of one of the oxen above mentioned. You state that Emile killed one of the animals and sold a portion of it to the Department and that he traded the other to another Indian named Shemoginish. With regard to this trade the Department wishes to know how it took place without your knowledge, and, if it was made with your knowledge, why you consented to the same. The Department desires to be informed what payment Emile received from Shemoginish for the ox and what disposition was made of the property (money or otherwise) received by Emile. You state that "if restitution "has to be made by Emile it will have to be made to Shemoginish, "and the ox can still remain the property of the Department". The Department is of the opinion that as Shemoginish seemingly bought

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