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Ottawa March 10, 1909.

SIR,-

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 14th instant No. 170 and note that your Department has already issued two licenses to fish in Bright Sand Lake, Sask. and seventy in Turtle Lake. This Department desires to secure, for the Indians in question, the Thunderchild Band, and also for the Moosomin Band, when the surrender of the latter has been executed, fishing licenses of a more or less satisfactory nature. This Department desires to obtain these licenses either for certain portions of a lake or the whole of a lake or lakes or in common with other licenses in accordance with the manner in which your Department is issuing the said licenses. There may be, and probably is, ample room in the said two lakes and in other lakes in the vicinity for fishing grounds to be assigned in favour of the Indians. It is, of course, especially desired that only Indians should be allowed, if possible, to fish immediately in front of their proposed reserves.

The said Reserves have not yet been decided upon; as soon as their boundaries are known you will be immediately advised. The Thunderchild Band numbers in all 117 persons, and the Moosomin Band 180 persons; I shall be obliged if you will be good enough to inform me of the nature of the license or licenses which your Department will be willing to grant in favour of the said Indians.

The Deputy Minister,
of Marine & Fisheries,
Ottawa.

Your obedient servant
John L. ...
Secretary.