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Ottawa, 26th July, 1915.

Sir,-

With reference to accounts which you have forwarded recently for relief supplies furnished to Garden River Indians, I beg to say that it is observed that certain of the persons to whom assistance was furnished also participated in the distribution of flour which was made last Spring. It would therefore seem that these persons received larger flour issues than should have been furnished. It is feared that a close oversight of the distribution of relief supplies is not exercised by you, and a full explanation in the matter is desired. The Department is ready at all times to relieve destitution, but of necessity must rely upon Indian Agents to see that food issues are not made too frequently, or in too large quantities. You should exercise strict vigilance in this matter in order to prevent unnecessary expenditure. Your explanation in this matter will be awaited.

Your obedient servant,

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