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June 14, 1917.

Dear Mr. Armstrong,-

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your favour of the 9th instant, and in reply would say that Dr. Thomas L. Kane, of Kane, Penn., who was interested in a mining permit for oil and gas on a portion of the Sarnia Indian reserve, placed certain equipment there in connection with his exploration; in December, last, he was given permission to remove the property belonging to him, and, it is possible that he has not yet done so, but the Department would not be in a position to give any right at present to use it.

With reference to your inquiry regarding a lease of the reserve, I would say that the surrender which was given of certain lots on the Sarnia reserve in 1906 was for a term of two years or so long as the land would produce oil or gas in paying quantities; the permit given under this surrender has been terminated and further prospecting could not be allowed unless under a new surrender granted by the Indians.

Yours sincerely,

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