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Ottawa, 27th March 1956

Sir,-

Your ref. No. 266-45

In reply to your letter of the 16th instant, regarding application of the Lebel Ore Mining Company to construct a power line across the Whitefish Lake Indian reserve, I have to advise you that the Department will not object to the establishment of this power line if terms which will be satisfactory to the Indians and the Department can be arranged with the Company. and if the Company is disposed to accept such terms when decided upon, they may enter the reserve for the purpose of surveying the location of the proposed line.

It is presumed from your letter that the Company will be satisfied with permission to occupy during the pleasure of the Superintendent General and you are requested to advise the Department what rental and conditions as to disposition of wood and timber you consider should be demanded and state whether these terms would be satisfactory to the Indians. It is thought that the clearing of this right of way might furnish employment to a number of the Indians of the band.

From the approximate length of the line given, it is estimated that approximately fifty acres would be involved in the right of way. As the Company will not have the power of expropriation, it will be necessary to arrange permission for them to occupy during the pleasure of the Superintendent General or obtain a surrender for lease from the band. When the Department grants an easement over a thirty year period, it usually charges the full value per acre for the land involved in the right of way. A power line of this nature, however, is one which might only be required for a few years and in such cases it is more desirable to collect an annual rental, the rental being fixed with due consideration to the fact that the wood and timber on the right of way will require to be cleared, even if the power line is only to be in use for a short time.

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