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MEMORANDUM TO: Director.

At a meeting between Mr. C.W. Jackson and The Honourable Mr. Tanner on Friday, January 24th, the question of additional lands in the vicinity of Nordegg for the group of Stony Indians presently residing there was briefly discussed.

As you are aware a group of the Stony Indians, numbering from 80 to 125, have resided in a little settlement of their own near Nordegg for many years and according to the best information available they have lived there continuously since 1895 and possibly for many years prior to that date. They have, therefore, a firmly established residence and at least some right to be recognized as entitled to remain there.

Within the past three or four years the Provincial Government has given the members of the group registered traplines over the country adjacent to their settlement for which this Department has paid the registration fees. The Indians have, however, never ceased to urge that we acquire for them from the Provincial Government land embracing their settlement sufficient to provide them with homesites, small farms and even small ranches or community grazing lands.

From the viewpoint of the Department it is most essential that they should be given a land allotment where they can more or less establish themselves permanently in order that the usual essential services of the Department, that is, medical services, educational services and welfare services, can be made available to them.

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