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April 18th, 1939.

Reverend Sir:

When I returned to Ottawa recently from duty on a number of reservations, I found your letter regarding pick handles and baskets made by the Indians of Fisher's Grant Reserve. I also received the samples you sent, but have not been able to do anything about the pick handle as yet. I have shown the basket to a number of dealers and I believe I could sell some if the baskets were made in the natural, un-dyed wood, with the exception of one colored stripe.

If the Indians needing work can make ten or twelve dozen baskets exactly the same size and shape as the sample you sent me, we will take them at \$1.50 per dozen. To avoid confusion, I am returning the sample basket. The baskets should be packed in threes and placed in heavy cartons, and as the order is not likely to weigh 100 lbs., it will be cheaper to send it to Ottawa by express. The cartons should be addressed as follows:

Gibson Armstrong, Esq.,
Indian Welfare & Training Service,
Orme Building,
Ottawa.

I am sorry that we could not secure a better price, but these baskets are coarse compared with those which we secure from Abenakis and St. Regis Indians and there can be no comparison in price.

Rev. E. Chiasson,
Indian Agent,
Thorburn, N.S.