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Ottawa November 12, 1912.

Sir,-

I beg to enclose herewith an application received from the principal of the Brandon Industrial school for the admission of Elizabeth D. Cook, a step-daughter of George MacKay. The Department is informed that this girl is a daughter of Elizabeth Cook, who married George MacKay, but that the girl was never adopted by MacKay. In this connection you will see that this application is signed by George MacKay, although the agent at Fisher River advises the Department that he left there several years ago and that no one there knows anything of his whereabouts. The principal states that it was on your advice that he took this girl to Brandon.

You will be good enough to inform the Department of the name of the band to which MacKay belongs, the number of the ticket under which he is paid annuity, and also whether his step-daughter is on the pay list, and if not, whether she is an Indian, half-breed or white.

You should fill in the enclosed application and return to the Department as soon as possible.

As you are aware the Department cannot admit half-breeds to this, or other residential schools.

Your obedient servant

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